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RICHTER'S SALE OF MUSLIN UNDERWEAR

Our spring sale of Muslin underwear will start Monday. We wish to call your attention to the values we are giving, the prices on our present stock, is less than replacement cost, you will save money by buying now. We are cleaning out our stock of

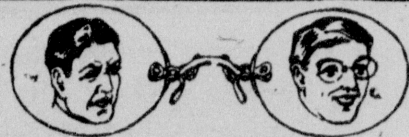
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PEACE CONFERENCE FORMALLY OPENED THIS AFTERNOON WITH SPEECH BY PRES. POINCARE

All Questions at Issue of Whatever Kind will be Settled Before the Enemy Delegates Arrive, as It is Realized to be of Vital Importance to Show an Unbroken Front to the Enemy.

LIGHTWEIGHT BOUT ATTRACTS ATTENTION.

New York, Jan. 18.—Is there any chance of Benny Leonard losing the world's lightweight championship to Johnny Dundee? That is the question that has the New York fight fans guessing today. The hard-hitting "Scotch wop" gets his big opportunity Monday night when he meets the champion in an eight-round bout over in Newark.

All the chances seem to favor a victory for Leonard. He will have it over Dundee in the matter of weight, height, reach, and other physical points, and also will possess the additional advantages of the confidence that comes of holding the title.

But ring history shows that the "dope sheets" have frequently gone wrong in the past. In other words, there is always a chance for the favorite to lose. Dundee is a fighter of long experience, who in his day has met and disposed of nearly all of the best men in his division. When at his best he is a marvel in the ring. Whether he will be able to pull the big surprise by landing the knockout blow within the prescribed eight rounds is the question. The consensus of opinion among the experts is that he will not be able to face the champion to the limit of the bout. The formidable Leonard wallop, it is believed, will dispose of Dundee as it has put away so many others. There is comparatively little betting on the mill, but in the wagers reported so far Leonard is a decided favorite.

The two fighters finished their hard training today. Both the champion and the challenger have gone about their work of preparation in earnest. The word from their respective camps is that both are in the best possible condition and ready for the going to start them on their battle.

The Newark Sportsmen's Club, under whose auspices the contest will be staged, expects a record-breaking crowd to be on hand to see the two lightweight battle. The advance sale of seats is reported to be unusually large. Special trains will carry the fight fans from this city to Newark. Large delegations are expected also from Philadelphia and other cities within easy access.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey today completes his tenth year as bishop of the Catholic diocese of Rochester.

Thirty-five years ago today occurred the wreck of the steamship "City of Columbus," off Gay Head, Mass., with a loss of nearly 100 lives.

The thirteenth annual exhibition of the National Western Stock Show Association is to open at Denver today and will continue for one week.

Governor James M. Cox and other men of national prominence are scheduled to address the City Editors' Association of Ohio, meeting at Cleveland today.

Ten thousand former munition workers in Bridgeport, Conn., are to hold a protest meeting today to voice a demand upon the Government to help them in obtaining work.

The Government's plans for the expansion of American trade throughout the world will be discussed by Secretary of Commerce Redfield at the annual banquet of the Society of the Genesee in New York City tonight.

A Democratic primary is to be held in the Sixth Virginia congressional district to name a candidate to succeed Carter Glass, who recently resigned his seat in the House to become Secretary of the Treasury.

JANUARY 19.

The birthday anniversary of General Robert E. Lee will be observed today throughout the South.

Centre College, at Danville, Ky., today rounds out the first century of its existence, having been incorporated Jan. 19, 1819.

The United States Government, through the Public Health Service, has requested the churches throughout the country to observe today as Health Sunday.

By Associated Press.
Paris, Jan. 18.—The peace conference was formally opened this afternoon with a speech by President Poincare of France.

Making Rapid Progress.

Paris, Jan. 18.—With the assembling of the first full delegation of the peace congress today, prospects of the notable assemblage of statesmen making rapid progress with its work seemed enhanced by the apparent defeat of Bolshevism in Germany, this opening the way to the stabilizing of the government and the prospect of its being able to send responsible representatives to the conference. The congress is expected to devote itself single-mindedly to the creation of the league of nations, and the first steps toward the formation of that league, it is understood, will be taken today. All questions at issue of whatever kind will be settled before the enemy delegates arrive, the allied ministers realizing the vital importance of presenting an unbroken front to the enemy. As regards Russia, it is stated that the five great powers have agreed that her representation by any Russian element is impossible for the moment. As to other questions before the congress—territorial, financial and economic—the order of their consideration will be indicated in the rules of procedure to be read by M. Clemenceau as president of the congress.

Working for Publicity.

Paris, Jan. 18.—It is understood that when the supreme war council adjourned yesterday there was pending a plan for one open and five secret sessions each week. American press representatives decided at a meeting last night to center their efforts to have the publicity feature of the peace congress absolutely unrestricted.

Everything is Ready.

Paris, Jan. 18.—All preparations had been completed early today for the holding of the first formal session of the peace congress. The peace delegations held final meetings this morning before assembling for the peace conference this afternoon. The American delegation met at 10 o'clock, but President Wilson did not attend.

Germans Joining Colors.

Berlin, Jan. 18.—Volunteers are joining the colors in great numbers at Koenigsberg to protect the boundaries of East Prussia from Bolshevik aggression, according to reports received here. The Lokal Anzeiger declares that 800,000 Germans in Posen are being prevented by the Poles from arranging elections to the national assembly. Polish troops

WANTED TO EXTEND SCOPE OF INQUIRY

PARR'S COUNSEL CONTENDS THE
VALIDITY OF NOMINATION
SETTLED IN DISTRICT
COURT.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 18.—Counsel for D. W. Glascock petitioned the senate elections committee asking to extend the scope of the Parr-Glascock inquiry to cover the whole question of fraud, both in the primary and general elections in the Twenty-third senatorial district. Parr's counsel protested that the validity of Parr's nomination was already settled in the district court.

FRUSTRATED PLOT.

By Associated Press.
Eagle Pass, Texas, Jan. 18.—Customs officials frustrated a plot to smuggle mezcual into the United States. After a fusillade of shots, the smugglers were driven back into Mexico.

IT WAS THE GUEST.

A special friend turned up unexpectedly to dinner and the Newlyweds were rather perturbed for, not expecting visitors, they had only sufficient for their own needs. After a consultation they decided to divide the repast into three, and Mr. Newlywed had strict instructions not to ask the visitor if he would like more. The meal went off very well, and Mr. Newlywed in spite of his wife's instructions persisted in asking the visitor to take a second helping but the visitor stood firm and would not be tempted.

When he had gone Mr. Newlywed was asked why, after such definite instructions, he asked the visitor to have more. "I really forgot all about it," he exclaimed.

"Forgot all about it, indeed," exclaimed his wife. "Why, when I kicked you repeatedly under the table you took no notice."

"Kicked me," exclaimed Mr. Newlywed. "You did not kick me."—Cassell's Saturday Journal.

A TACTFUL FRIEND.

Raymond Hitchcock says that while he was lying in a Philadelphia hospital, convalescing from an operation for appendicitis, one of those fool friends who always say the wrong thing in the wrong place called on him and told him the following story to cheer him up:

Philadelphia's most famous appendicitis expert has a dog of which he thinks a great deal, and which had a lopsided walk. A friend asked the doctor on one occasion the cause of this.

"Why," was the reply, "he's got appendicitis."

"Then why don't you operate on him?" queried the caller.

"What, operate on that dog? Why, that dog's worth \$100!"—Pharmaceutical Era.

numbering 18 divisions are said to be about to invade upper Siberia.

To Minimum Strength.

Washington, Jan. 18.—American forces in France and in the occupied territory of Germany are to be reduced to the minimum strength consistent with our national obligations, General March said today. What strength is to be maintained is under discussion now by American military officials and allied military leaders. Marshal Foch has been informed by Gen. Pershing of this policy.

Shot by His Guards.

London, Jan. 18.—Independent socialists at Berlin assert that Dr. Karl Liebknecht, who was shot and killed Thursday did not attempt to escape from escort troops but was shot through the forehead at a few paces distance by the soldiers guarding him, according to a Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph.

Accusations Proved False.

Paris, Jan. 18.—Investigations have established the falsity of the accusations made against Charles Humbert, who was charged with communicating to Germany the contents of two documents relative to the national defense.

To Raise Cotton Embargo.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Members of congress from the cotton growing states today cabled President Wilson, urging that all embargoes against cotton exports to non-enemy countries be lifted at once and that shipments to Germany and Austria be permitted as soon as possible.

STATEMENT OF THE LAREDO NATIONAL BANK

At the Close of Business, December 31st, 1918, as rendered to the Comptroller of the Currency
CONDENSED.

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts.....\$1,387,197.18	Capital Stock.....\$200,000.00
United States Bonds.....255,925.00	Surplus Fund.....100,000.00
Other Bonds and Securities.....35,444.03	Undivided Profits, net.....96,747.25
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank.....9,000.00	Reserve for Taxes.....20,000.00
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer.....10,000.00	Circulation.....200,000.00
Bank Building, Furniture and Fixtures.....50,000.00	Other Liabilities.....2,903.37
War Saving Certificates.....992.38	Rediscount with Federal Reserve Bank.....36,220.00
Cash and Exchange.....606,859.68	Deposits.....1,699,548.55
Total.....\$2,355,419.17	Total.....\$2,355,419.17

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BEST MUSIC. BEST FILM SERVICE
TODAY.

Carlyle Blackwell with Evelyn Greeley in "HITTING THE TRAIL," an unusual and fascinating story of love and redemption.
"DAMAGED NO GOODS." Sunshine comedy.
Royal Concert Orchestra.
Admission 10c and 20c.
Tomorrow: Thos. H. Ince's Great sensational attraction, "THE MIDNIGHT PATROL."

LOCAL NEWS

—Don't forget the meeting of the Home Garden Club, Saturday afternoon at three o'clock, Market Hall. Mrs. W. N. Young.

—“Under Four Flags” is the big feature play at the Royal Theater this evening. It is the third war film released by the Committee on Public Information and should prove a great drawing card, as it shows action in the battle of Chateau-Thierry and fighting on the Pivote.

—Next week the remaining cases on the criminal docket in the district court will be taken up for trial. There are quite a number of cases now pending to be investigated by the grand jury at its next sitting. Some of those charged with serious offenses are either in jail or are out on bond.

—The usual weekly “at home” of the Woman's Club will be given to night.

—The soldier boys at Fort McIntosh are now providing a weekly gymkhana, which takes place on Sunday afternoons at the post. The program consists of a number of interesting events and they invite the citizens of Laredo to come out on Sunday afternoon and enjoy the program of events, which starts promptly at 3 o'clock.

—The agitation in favor of a memorial building to perpetuate the memories of the Laredo and Webb county boys who went to the front to fight for their flag is meeting with favor from Laredo people, and all who have made expressions on the subject favor a building instead of a useless shaft or monument.

—Don't forget the weekly dance at the Woman's Club tonight.

WILLIAM MORRISON MATSON SUCCEMDED TO PNEUMONIA

Well Known Young Man of This City,
Chief Clerk of I. & G. N., Died at
His Home Last Evening.

A great shock came to the many friends of William Morrison Matson last evening when the news of his death became known, he having passed away at his home, 1620 Washington street, yesterday evening at about 6:30 o'clock after a several days illness with pneumonia, although it was hoped that his life would be spared up to the last moment.

Deceased was a native of Rockport, Texas, where he was born thirty-three years ago, moving to Laredo with his parents in 1891 and attending school and growing to manhood in this city. For a number of years he held a position with the I. & G. N. Ry. Co. in this city, holding the responsible position of chief clerk at the time of his death. He was also an officer of the Knights of Pythias lodge of this city. Deceased was well known in this city and his many friends received the news of his death with much regret.

Besides his mother, Mrs. A. Matson, deceased is survived by his brother, Captain Ed M. Matson, former captain of the Milmo Rifles of this city, who have the sympathy of many friends in their hours of sorrow. The funeral takes place from the home at 3:30 this afternoon under the auspices of the K. of P. lodge, with funeral services conducted by Rev. C. W. Cook of the Episcopal church, with interment in the Knights of Pythias plot in the city cemetery.

ENCOURAGE HOME GARDENS AND ORGANIZE CLUB HERE

Women of Laredo Interested in Matter of Raising Home Gardens Are Assisted By the County Agent.

The matter of home gardens in Laredo is receiving attention from the ladies at this time and they are organizing a “Home Garden Club” to encourage the planting of home gardens in this city, and Prof. F. W. Mally, the county agent and an authority on matters agricultural, is lending them his hearty support and assistance in their work.

Every vacant plot of ground in yards in this city should be cultivated and planted in a home garden, and after the housewives or others who plant the gardens have had the pleasure of gathering fresh vegetables from “their own little back yard” one season it is an assured fact that that piece of ground will be cultivated and planted again and this process continue from time to time, for a home garden is the most useful of all in providing fresh vegetables for the family board. Join the “Home Garden Club” and plant a little garden the coming spring.

Odd Fellows Attention!

The Odd Fellows of Rio Grande Lodge No. 373 are to attend Church in a body Sunday evening January 19th. All visiting brothers invited to meet with them at the hall from which place they will march to the First Methodist Church. Services at 7:30 p. m.

F. L. MACKAY, N. G.
J. A. BARLOW, Sec'y.



Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt
Society Editor
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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Thursday.
The Married Ladies Social Club will be entertained at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon by Mrs. Robert McComb.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet at the residence of Mrs. Henry Borchers at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Woman's Club will have “at home” for the soldiers in the evening. Dancing and other social features.

Friday.
The Lone Star Blue Birds will meet at the home of Mrs. A. Poggenpohl at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Swastika Chapter of Camp Fire Girls will meet at 4 o'clock in the afternoon at the home of Miss Belya Bergman.

The Boy Scouts of Troop No. 1 will hold their regular weekly meeting in the League Room at the Methodist Church in the evening.

The Boy Scouts of Troop No. 2 will meet at their headquarters hall at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Hear my prayer, O heavenly Father,
Ere I lay me down to sleep;
Bid Thy angels, pure and holy,
Round my bed their vigil keep.

Keep me through this night of peril
Underneath its boundless shade;
Take me to Thy rest, I pray Thee,
When my pilgrimage is made.

None shall measure out Thy patience
By the span of human thought;
None shall bound Thy tender mercies
Which Thy Holy Son has bought.

Pardon all my past transgressions,
Give me strength for days to come;
Guide and guard me with Thy blessing
Till Thy angels bid me come.

—Charles Dickens.
General Mention.
Mrs. Murphy and daughter, Miss Lucille Murphy, have gone to Fort Worth to see Mr. Alfred Murphy, who has recently arrived from overseas and is in hospital recuperating from wounds received in France.

Mrs. Frank Higgins and children, who have been the guests of her parents, Judge and Mrs. Hal Greer, for several weeks, expect to return to their home in Sulphur, La., on Friday.

Mr. J. F. Lynch is in San Antonio on a short business trip and will then return to Eagle Pass.

Major and Mrs. A. S. J. Tucker and little daughter expect to leave in the near future for San Diego, California, where Major Tucker has been assigned.

Mr. Henry Sielski of Eagle Pass arrived in Houston yesterday afternoon to join his mother, on account of the serious illness of Mr. John Sielski.

The many friends of Miss Katherine MacGregor will regret that she is again ill and confined to bed.

Invitations have been received in Laredo for the Inaugural Ball at the Capitol in Austin on Tuesday, January 21. A number of people from Laredo will attend.

Announcements.

The Parish Guild of Christ Church did not meet yesterday afternoon on account of the inclement weather, but will hold the meeting next week with Mrs. C. S. McKinney at 3:30 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon.

The members of the Nopales Chapter of Camp Fire Girls held a called meeting yesterday afternoon at the home of their guardian, Mrs. J. A. Burnett. Important business pertaining to the chapter was transacted.

The weather permitting, the members of the Volunteers' Club will inaugurate with an informal dance on Friday 17, at the hall of the Colegio “Benito Juarez,” 1018 Flores Ave., beginning at 8 o'clock in the evening. Delicious refreshments will be served, and a good orchestra will render a selected program.

The Suffrage Department of the Woman's Club will meet at the Club room on Friday afternoon, January

24th. It is requested that each member bear it in mind and be present at the meeting.

Entertainment.

The members of the Auction Bridge Club and a number of guests were entertained with a delightful party yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. B. Morton. Five tables were arranged for the players and in the interesting series of games played the high score club prize went to Mrs. J. S. Penn, who received a pair of beautifully embroidered pillow cases. The guest prize was won by Miss Frances Alexander, who was given a hand-embroidered center piece. A delicious salad course was served during the afternoon. Those present who enjoyed the hospitality of the occasion were: Club members—Mesdames Barlow, Brennan, Brewster, Cogley, Daiches, Hill, J. C. Martin, R. K. Mims, R. L. Muller, J. S. Penn, M. S. Ryan, Young and Wormser. The guests included Mesdames T. A. Austin, C. Jefferies, Shelby, Higgins, and Misses Annie and Frances Alexander.

PERSONALS

Robert E. Essing, the live wire who manages the Soldiers Club here and who never goes after a thing that he does not make a success of, returned today from a vacation trip to his old home in Baltimore, also St. Louis, Cincinnati, New York, Washington and New Orleans. Mrs. Essing did not return with her husband, but will come back later.

Yeoman First-Class Nollie Hamlin, U. S. N., from the naval training camp at San Diego, has received his discharge and returned to Laredo on a visit to his brother, Horace Hamlin, before going to Kingsville to resume his old position as a fireman with the St. L., B. & M. Ry.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REVIEW.

Prepared For The Times by the
St. Louis Union Bank,
St. Louis, Mo.

A general outline of development in the field of Federal Reserve banking during the calendar year 1918 is presented by the Federal Reserve Board's weekly statement of condition of the reserve banks on the last Friday in 1918 and 1917.

Somewhat indication of the growth of the system is afforded by the comparative figures of paid-in capital, which show an increase of over 19 millions, from \$70,442,000 to \$89,681,000, representing an increase in the aggregate capital and surplus of member banks of \$341,300,000, practically all of which is due to the acquisition of new members during the year.

Gross deposits of the reserve banks show an increase from 1771 to 2,312.5 millions, the largest increases under this general head being shown for members' reserve deposits and foreign Government credits. Net deposits indicate a much smaller growth because of the reduction in Government deposits and the larger “float” carried at present by the reserve banks.

Holdings of Treasury certificates decreased 2.8 millions at all reporting banks. United-States bonds, rather than circulation bonds, show an increase for the week of 32.2 millions, substantial gains being reported by both reserve city and country banks.

War paper, i. e., loans secured by Government war obligations, increased 8 millions, largely at banks outside reserve cities. All other loans and investments decreased 77.7 millions.

TIMES WANT ADS.

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The E. W. Ross Co., Cleveland, O.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

Four of the five women candidates for members of the Board of Education in Toronto were successful in the recent election.

The National Women's Trade Union League of America will hold its annual conference in Philadelphia in the early part of June.

Mrs. Ora B. Grimes, employed in a Baltimore machine shop, is said to be the only woman oxy-acetylene welder in the United States.

The Illinois State Federation of Labor has officially pledged all possible assistance toward the organization of women in industry.

The first woman county clerk in New York State is Miss Ellen P. Yates, of Jamestown, who has been elected clerk of Chautauqua County.

Tabulation of the votes of the annual conferences of the M. E. Church, South, shows that laity rights for the women of the church is assured.

The great series of mural decorations painted for the senate chamber of the Pennsylvania State Capitol by Miss Violet Oakley of Philadelphia is soon to be unveiled and dedicated by the Governor.

The Duchess of Aosta, who took a prominent part in the entertainment of the President and Mrs. Wilson on their recent visit to Rome, was formerly Princess Helene of Orleans, daughter of the late Count of Paris. The Duchess is one of the most remarkable women of European royalty. She has traveled the world over, has hunted big game in Africa and elsewhere, and has written interesting stories of her adventures. She is also the possessor of a magnificent gold medal presented to her for her services to the Italian Red Cross.

Notice to Tax-Payers.

My office in the county court house is now open for the reception of assessments for the year 1919. Property owners will please call and render their holdings. Office hours: 9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 5 p. m.

B. J. LEYENDECKER,
County Assessor.

Heartburn, indigestion or distress of the stomach is instantly relieved by HERBINE. It forces the badly digested food out of the body and restores tone in the stomach and bowels. Price 50c. Sold by all druggists.

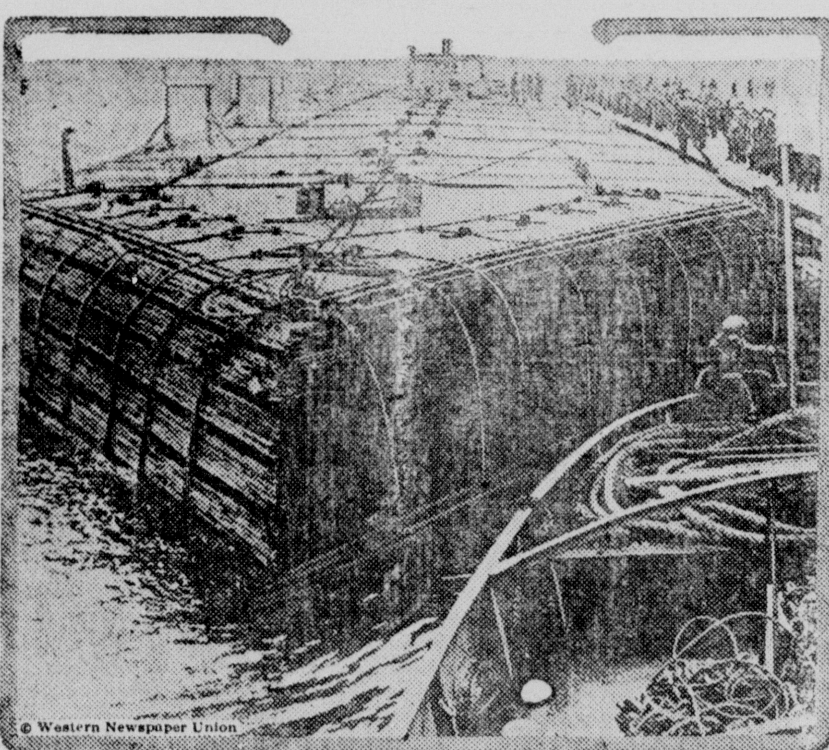
HER IDEA.

Mrs. Carter's maid had been married three months and she was visiting at her former mistress' house. “Well, Emma,” asked Mrs. Carter, “how do you like being married?” “Oh, it's fine, ma'am, getting married; yes'm, it's fine,” replied Emma. “But for ma'am,” she added, “ain't it tedious?”—Tit-Bits.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

When you are troubled with indigestion or constipation, take Chamberlain's Tablets. They strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its function naturally. Indigestion is usually accompanied by constipation and is aggravated by it. Chamberlain's Tablets cause a gentle movement of the bowels, relieving the constipated condition.

ENORMOUS RAFT BUILT BY THE SWEDES



This great raft, built at Haparanda, Sweden, and now safely anchored at a wharf in the harbor at Copenhagen, Denmark, is 118 meters in length, 17 meters wide, three meters above water line and five below. The crew consists of seven men. The raft took six months to build and contains as much wood as four big steamers, and is held together by an ingenious system of steel cables and wires.

LARGE STORES OF GERMAN WAR MATERIAL ARE COMING INTO HANDS OF THE AMERICANS

One Hundred and Fifty Cannon and Leather Worth Half a Million Dollars were Discovered Today Near Coblenz—
Americans Continue Search in Region which is Occupied by Our Troops.

THE GLASSCOCK-PARR CONTEST HAS BEGUN

PETITION FILED WITH SENATE
COMMITTEE TODAY BUT
DATE OF HEARING
NOT SET.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 16.—A petition in the Glasscock-Parr contest over a seat in the senate from the Twenty-third senatorial district was filed with the senate committee on privileges and elections today. The committee met today to name a date for consideration of the petition.

Urged Woman Suffrage.

Austin, Jan. 16.—Immediate adoption of a woman suffrage amendment to the Texas constitution by the legislature was urged by Governor Hobby in his message transmitted today to the legislature.

POLICE PRACTICE PROTESTED.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 16.—A campaign to end the alleged “third degree” practice indulged in by the police of New Orleans is likely to be vigorously pushed as a result of resolutions adopted today at a meeting of the Prison Reform League of Louisiana. The movement is sponsored by Charles H. Patterson, assistant secretary of the league and secretary of the Charity Organization Society of New Orleans. The protesters allege that the police have gone to undue extremes in their efforts to “extort confessions from those accused of crime.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

The third twenty per cent payment on bonds of the fourth United States Liberty Loan bought on subscription is due today.

The Lake Carriers' Association, the controlling body of the Great Lakes shipping, holds its annual meeting today in Detroit.

Liberal leaders of Alberta are to hold a Provincial conference at Calgary today to outline plans for the future activities of the party.

The best pure-bred rabbits of the Pacific Coast will be exhibited at the National Rabbit Show, which is to be opened today in San Francisco.

County attorneys of Montana are to assemble at Helena today for the annual session of their State association.

The annual convention of the National Wool Growers' Association, which was to have met today at Salt Lake City, has been postponed indefinitely, owing to influenza.

The international directors of the Jefferson Highway Association, which is promoting an improved highway from Canada to the Gulf, will hold their annual meeting today at New Orleans.

An aggressive campaign to secure ratification of the Federal prohibition amendment will be mapped out by the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, meeting in annual session today at Raleigh.

An auction sale will begin in New York today of the art collection left by the late Oliver Ames, ex-Governor of Massachusetts, including many valuable paintings, rugs and other works of art.

With the lifting of all Government restrictions on the importation and manufacture of rubber, the after-war plans of readjustment in the rubber industry will be taken up thoroughly at the annual meeting of the Rubber Association of America, to be held today in New York City.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY
IN THE WAR.

JANUARY 16.
United States Fuel Administrator H. A. Garfield ordered certain industries to close down for five days and nine consecutive Mondays in order to save fuel and relieve traffic.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 60c. per month.

By Associated Press.

Coblenz, Jan. 16.—Treasure German war materials continue to be revealed as American troops search the vast warehouse area of Coblenz and vicinity. Officers found over 150 guns of 77 caliber and leather worth half a million dollars today. The guns and leather come into the possession of the Americans as abandoned material under the terms of the armistice. The cannon are virtually as good as new, having been repaired within the last few months.

Arrested for Talking to Soldiers.
Coblenz, Jan. 16.—Twenty German girls who were engaged in sweeping the streets at Andernach, near here, have been arrested charged with violation of Gen. Pershing's order forbidding them to talk to American soldiers.

Resumed Sessions Today.

Paris, Jan. 16.—The supreme council of the five greater powers resumed its sessions at 10:30 o'clock this morning. There were present: For France, Premier Clemenceau and Foreign Minister Pichon; for Great Britain, Premier Lloyd George and Foreign Secretary Balfour; for the United States, President Wilson and Secretary Lansing; for Italy, Foreign Minister Sonnino; for Japan, Viscount Chinda and Baron Matsui.

With Befitting Ceremonies.

Paris, Jan. 16.—The inauguration of the peace congress on Saturday will be carried out with ceremonies befitting such an occasion. A detachment of troops will pay honors to the arriving delegates and Stephen Pichon, the French foreign minister, will re-

ARGENTINE STRIKE HAS BEEN STOPPED

LABOR LEADERS IN CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT
IRIGOYEN CAME TO
AGREEMENT.

By Associated Press.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 16.—At a conference with President Irigoyen yesterday labor leaders agreed to call off all strikes now in force in Argentina with the exception of the one which has paralyzed the shipping in the harbor.

COTTON INDUSTRY CONFERENCE.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 16.—Arrangements for the proposed world cotton conference are to be developed at a meeting of a committee of the United States cotton men to be held in this city tomorrow. In attendance will be prominent representatives of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers and other branches of the cotton industry.

Tomorrow's meeting is expected to consider particularly the personnel of the delegation which is to go to Europe to invite representatives of European cotton interests to come to the United States for the conference. Officers of the International Federation of Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers Associations at Manchester, England, are co-operating with regard to the visit of the United States delegation.

Prominent among the participants in the committee meeting will be William B. Redfield, United States Secretary of Commerce; James Inglis, representing the War Industries Board; A. A. Hammerschlag, of the Carnegie Institute of Technology, and S. L. Rogers, B. S. Outler and E. D. Walen, of the United States Department of Commerce.

CABBAGE AND SPINACH MARKET JANUARY 15.

Chamber of Commerce,
Laredo, Texas.
Raining constantly, Austin one yesterday. Rain preventing today. Texas seven, Virginia fifteen. Destinations, four New York, three St. Louis, Kansas City, \$1.75 to \$1.90; Chicago, \$1.50; Pittsburgh best, \$2.00. Other markets unchanged. Packers (Austin) offering fifty-five dollars cash for loose, cleaned.
Stevens Bureau Markets, Austin, 3:27 p. m.

RATIFICATION WAS COMPLETED TODAY

FEDERAL PROHIBITION AMENDMENT RATIFIED BY TWO-THIRDS OF STATES
OF UNION.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—The United States today completed the legislative process of ratification of the federal prohibition amendment. The thirty-sixth state, Nebraska, had ratified it. Prohibition leaders declared that the accomplishment was the greatest piece of moral legislation in the history of the world. It takes effect one year from the date of ratification.

Favorably Reported Bill.

Washington, Jan. 16.—With little opposition a favorable report was ordered today by the senate appropriations committee on the house bill to appropriate \$100,000,000 requested by President Wilson for famine relief in Europe.

ARKANSAS FARMING CAMPAIGN.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 16.—Elaborate preparations are nearing completion for the fifth annual Arkansas profitable farming campaign, conducted by the bankers and business men of Arkansas, which will be opened next Monday and continued through the entire week. The campaign this year will be directed especially toward the securing of an increase in the acreage of foodstuffs and the amount of live stock in the State. The services of many well known agricultural experts and stock breeders have been enlisted for the campaign.

ceive President Wilson at the head of the steps of the foreign ministry and accompany him to the room where the meeting will begin at 3 o'clock sharp. When all the delegates are seated, President Poincare will make the opening address.

An Important Discussion.

Paris, Jan. 16.—Newspapers report that the five great powers will decide today whether secondary states, even outside Europe, will deliberate on decisions concerning the fate of Europe and questions regarding the safety and future of the allied powers.

Poles Aid Lithuania.

London, Jan. 16.—The Polish government has provisionally taken over the government of Lithuania to protect the country from the Bolsheviks, according to a telegram from Warsaw today. The action was taken at the request of the president of the Lithuanian republic.

Disarmed Spartacans.

Munich, Jan. 16.—An attempt to overthrow the Bavarian government was planned for today. Government forces, however, intercepted the Spartacans who were marching from Stuttgart and Augsburg to Munich and disarmed them. Two hundred Bolsheviks were arrested in a raid on local hotels and many were severely beaten by angry soldiers.

Turks Have Capitulated.

London, Jan. 16.—Turks who have been holding out in Medina, the holy city of the Mohammedan faith, have capitulated to the King of the Hedjaz, it was announced here today.

Cured at a Cost of 25 Cents.

“Eight years ago when we first moved to Mattoon, I was a great sufferer from indigestion and constipation,” writes Mrs. Robert Allison, Mattoon, Ill. “I had frequent headaches and dizzy spells, and there was a feeling like a heavy weight pressing on my stomach and chest all the time. I felt miserable. Every morsel of food distressed me. I could not rest at night and felt tired and worn out all the time. One bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets cured me and I have since felt like a different person.”

From Wednesday's Daily.

WIDESPREAD CONSPIRACY.

It is evident that the epidemic of Bolshevism which is now agitating the minds of people in two hemispheres is not merely sporadic, but that it is the result of a widespread conspiracy on the part of varying elements who have come together on one point, namely, that of disrupting organized government and disturbing the peace of the world.

During the past four years we have come to look upon Prussian militarism as the worst menace that has ever been known, but it is a question if it is not outdone by Bolshevism.

For militarism could be offset by militarism, and the nation with the longest purse would be apt, all other factors being equal, to win out in the end. But Bolshevism menaces the world from the very secrecy with which it is propagated and the underground ramifications which are not visible until the entire nation is permeated with the disease.

It may seem far-fetched, but it is nevertheless the truth that Bolshevism is one of the effects of militarism. Or at least of despotism and absolutism. And the teachings of the Bolsheviks are but the logical outcome of the German socialism which flourished nowhere as it did in absolute Germany, Austria and Russia.

Socialism is a protest against existing evils. This much may be conceded. But it is a protest which has never been successful in securing a reduction or even a mitigation of the evils, and it has never flourished save where the evils were so apparent that they could not be concealed.

Any country where there is a privileged class is certain to have a dissatisfied mass of people engaged in more or less articulate protest. We have heard grumblings in this country against the so-called privileged class whose privilege came from the possession of much money. But the fact is, there never was a much privilege in this country, where it was within the reach of all to attain moneyed rank, as there was in the countries where privilege came from noble birth or the favor of a monarch.

It is perhaps for this reason that socialism has never been very popular in this country, where there is not the feeling of personal injury on the part of the majority. Even Great Britain has suffered more from the socialist propaganda than the United States.

Socialism in France has not had the success it met with in the Teutonic countries and in Russia. Even the Slavic countries of the Balkans have been free from this curse than the Central empires.

Bolshevism has been defined as socialism gone crazy. But it is nothing more than the logical carrying out of the socialist program to its final computation. It rests on the belief that man by birth is entitled to a living, whether or not he does anything to earn or justify it. And he who does least is usually the one who wants most.

It is true that socialism is a protest against the soft living of the man who inherits what another has gained by toil or by the efforts of others. But it is also true that the greatest socialist is the one who has nothing and wants something of what another possesses.

Government, according to the socialist, is something which exists for the purpose of supporting all on an equal scale. According to the Bolshevik, it is something which can create something out of nothing, and which is to be tolerated for what it gives those who will make no effort of their own.

Bolshevism cannot last, because mankind is so constituted that no one will look with complacency upon any plan which forces him to give a part of what he has earned or accumulated to some one else who has nothing. Even the Bolshevik leaders are not disposed to surrender any part of what they have secured by chicanery, violence or murder.

The inevitable result will be the destruction of Bolshevism, but it may not come until after the Bolsheviks have done great damage to an already much abused world.

MENDICANCY.

There are few sections of the country where there is such a plague of beggars as in Laredo. Professional beggars, semi-professionals and those necessitated by absolute want, as well as the transients who come here during their "See America First" tours.

Naturally our first attention should be paid to home industry. When the traveling cripples, blind men and other unfortunates come here, they should be met at the depot by a tariff wall meant for the protection of the home product, and if there is no other way, we should ask for the passage of an ordinance fining the beggar who comes here to ply his trade.

Then, to come down to the home beggars, something should be done to end the old-fashioned custom of permitting the beggars to go from house to house, from store to store, and solicit money and food. There is no good reason why certain people should be allowed to continue a custom which they have for years, merely because it is an old custom.

There are children in Laredo who have come to look upon begging as an honorable profession because they see it practiced daily and no com-

ment made other than "Pobrecita! There are grown men and women in Laredo who began as children to give coppers to the very same people who now come to their houses for alms. The beggars have lasted better than some of the houses, for they are apparently not any the worse for wear.

If these professional beggars are really in need of the money and food they solicit, something should be done to provide for their support and they should be kept off the streets. There is no more reason why these people should be permitted to ply a trade which is recognized as pernicious everywhere than there is for permitting other disreputable trades to flourish in despite of law.

Webb county has no poor farm and practically no system of public relief other than that of free medical attention where needed, and free hospital treatment for those who prove to be worthy and in need.

There is no way of calculating the amount expended by the people of Laredo in the support of persons who are so capable of self-support that they have withstood the ravages of time and the stress of weather and are apparently as capable of making their professional rounds as they were years ago.

There are some people who by reason of blindness or other physical incapacity are incapable of supporting themselves. These the public should look after, and not permit them to make a parade of their infirmities by begging in public.

Since the organization of the Associated Charities there has been some organized effort to care for the indigent and prevent cases of absolute suffering. But each day there are new claimants for the right to beg, and so long as there is no official action taken, just so long will the present system of mendicancy continue.

Little children have been used to excite the sympathy and loosen the purse strings of the Americans, especially of the soldiers. This should be stopped, as there is nothing more conducive to vice than to train a little girl to go about in public soliciting money.

The ladies of the Heights have taken a decided step in this matter. They have requested all persons living on the Heights to contribute nothing to beggars, but to secure names and addresses for the purpose of giving them such aid as may be necessary through the proper channels.

The people of Laredo are charitable. Of that sufficient assurance has been given in the past. But there is a certain amount of indolence displayed in the willingness to give a few coppers to the beggars who come to the doors, instead of actually doing something to relieve distress if it really exists, and this the Associated Charities and the Heights organizations are trying to put an end to, with the idea in view of preventing the spread of mendicancy and the relief of the actually needy.

NOTICE OF HEARING TO APPROPRIATE PUBLIC WATERS.

No. 395.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

Notice is hereby given, to whom concerned, that George W. Derby, the postoffice address of whom is Laredo, Texas, did on the 10th day of January, A. D. 1919, file his application in the office of the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, in which he applies for a permit to appropriate from the unappropriated waters of the State of Texas sufficient water for the purpose of irrigating certain lands hereinafter described, and to be diverted from the Rio Grande, in Webb County, Texas, by means of a pumping plant to be located on Survey 799, or Town tract of Laredo, in Webb County, Texas, situated on the left bank of the Rio Grande, and is distant in a Northwesterly direction from City Hall of Laredo, Texas, about 1.61 miles.

You are hereby further notified that the lands proposed to be irrigated are out of Survey 799, Webb County, Texas, containing 108 acres.

A HEARING on the said application of the said George W. Derby will be held by the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas at its office in Austin, Texas, on Monday, February 24th, A. D. 1919, beginning at ten o'clock A. M. at which time and place all parties interested may appear and be heard. Such hearing will be continued from time to time and from place to place, if necessary, until such determination has been made relative to said application as the said Board of Water Engineers may deem right, equitable and proper.

Given under and by virtue of an order of the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, at the office of said Board in Austin, Texas, this 10th day of January, A. D. 1919.

W. T. POTTER,

C. S. CLARK,

JOHN A. NORRIS,

Board of Water Engineers.

Attest: JAMES HAYS QUARLES,

Secretary.

Notice to Tax-Payers.

My office in the county court house is now open for the reception of assessments for the year 1919. Property owners will please call and render their holdings. Office hours: 9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 5 p. m.

B. J. LEYENDECKER,

County Assessor.

ANOTHER LONG, WET SPELL

HAS EVIDENTLY ARRIVED

NORTHER UPON NORTHER AND THEN A RAIN HAS SET IN.

Indications Are That Weather Conditions Will Be Disagreeable for Some Days, as No Rift in Clouds.

This section of the country is in the throes of what promises to be another prolonged wet, cold spell, judging from indications up to the noon hour today, when the heavy clouded sky overhead was still giving off its light fall of moisture and the atmosphere was in a chilly condition. This same condition, it is reported, prevails generally over South and Southwest Texas.

The cool spell which struck here on Monday night, and augmented yesterday forenoon by another fresh norther, developed into a real damp spell yesterday afternoon, when a misting rain began to fall, and at times last night and this morning it came down harder at times, although no great amount of rain had fallen up to noon today—just a mist or a drizzle, but moisture all the time.

The rain will do much good for vegetation, and while it will interfere with the cutting and shipping of spinach and lettuce, nevertheless it will put the ground in such condition that all vegetation will attain a faster maturity. To the stockman the wet spell brings smiles of joy, for he can see visions of a bountiful supply of grass for his cattle and other live stock for the winter, as the late summer rains started the grasses to growing and the showers at intervals since have contributed to their rapid advancement and fast growth.

CABBAGE AND SPINACH MARKET JANUARY 14.

Chamber of Commerce, Laredo, Texas.

Austin, two cars consigned; Texas five, Norfolk three, destinations, two Jersey City, one each New York, Boston, Chicago. Markets, New York, \$1.20 to \$1.55, few \$2.00. Others unchanged.

Stevens, Bureau Markets, Austin.

TWO PRIESTS SUCCEMBED TO PNEUMONIA AT CORPUS

Rev. Father John H. Scheid and Rev. Father Paulinus Doran Died in Corpus Christi This Morning.

A telegram received by Mrs. Rose Shaw, manager of the Bender Hotel, this morning from Mrs. P. F. Flavin at Corpus Christi announced the deaths in Corpus Christi early this morning of Rev. Father John H. Scheid, pastor of St. Patrick's church there, and Rev. Father Paulinus Doran, one of the Catholic pastors in that city. Both died of pneumonia.

Rev. Father Scheid, who was secretary to Rt. Rev. Bishop Nussbaum at Corpus Christi, was much beloved by his congregation and was noted as one of the most eloquent pulpit orators in the state. Rev. Father Doran was also a very able man. The telegram received today stated that two other priests are also critically ill of pneumonia.

TWICE PROVEN.

If you suffer backache, sleepless nights, tired, dull days and distressing urinary disorders, don't experiment. Read this twice-told testimony. It's Laredo evidence—doubly proven.

John Beyett, says: "I was badly afflicted with a lame back and a dull ache over my kidneys, when standing. I had difficulty in passing the kidney secretions too, and felt depressed and lacked energy. A friend of mine told me about Doan's Kidney Pills, praising them so highly that I got some at Bruhl's Drug Store. I was pleased with the quick results Doan's gave me. This medicine removed the frequent headaches and bladder trouble and the lameness in my back soon left."

SEVEN YEARS LATER Mr. Beyett said: "I can recommend Doan's Kidney Pills as highly today as I did years ago. I haven't had any kidney trouble during the last few years and I give Doan's the credit for this."

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RESTORED TO COMMERCE.

The following letter restoring a Nuevo Laredo firm to trading privileges with dealers in this country is self-explanatory:

American Consulate, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, January 7, 1919.—Mr. Manuel Cavazos Garcia, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico: Sir—I have the honor to inform you that I have received an official communication from the American Embassy, Mexico, D. F., dated January 4, 1919, of the additions and removal from the Enemy Trading List of the United States, as of December 27, 1918, and among the list of removals appear the following: Manuel Cavazos Garcia, Manuel Cavazos Sr., Manuel Cavazos Jr. I am, Sir, respectfully yours, (signed) Randolph Robertson, American Vice Consul in Charge.

Note:—We desire to inform our clients that we are once more prepared to handle their business through our commission house.

MANUEL CAVAZOS, JR.

1-9-6t.

LOCAL NEWS

—The following importations from Mexico passed through the port of Laredo this morning: Three carloads of guano and three carloads of arsenic.

—Prices delivered Laredo Bushel Hampers with covers \$15.50 per hundred; Bushel Baskets with Hoop Covers \$2.15 per dozen. See samples at 1818 Farragut Street, Phone O. C. Ulmer number 1085.

—When in need of a plumber phone 1203. Juarez Plumbing, 419 Matamoros street.

—The muddy days are here again. Keep off the street—this is the jitney driver's "joy day"—he will either run you down or splash you with mud if you try to cross a street when he is "on his way." Remember, he has no undisputed right of way—you have no right (?) to be on the streets.

—The Belmont Rooms and apartments, 602 Main Ave. Phone 576 or 1017.

—We paint automobiles; also make auto tops. Fidel Cantu, Phone 202.

—The United States Food Administration has issued the following notice to manufacturers and distributors of cheese, under Special License Regulations No. XXI, Title B: "All regulations in this series were repealed on December 31, 1918, said repeats to become effective January 6, 1919."

—The Crescent Garage is the busiest shop in town. Why?

—Teacher of Gregg Shorthand and Spanish and English. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office; residence 812 Farragut street.

—Reports received here up to noon today indicate that the cold, damp spell is general over this section of the state, and inclement weather prevails generally throughout Texas. The damp bad weather prevailing at this time is liable to hang on for "quite a spell," as the bucolic gentlemen put it.

—The Crescent Garage is the busiest shop in town. Why?

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans.

—While this kind of weather hangs on the vegetable and grass crops are by no means the only things that are growing—just keep your eye on the gas flame in your heater and you can see visions of a nice little bill evolving itself for presentation by the gas man on February 1.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office; residence 812 Farragut street. Residence phone 348.

—City Attorney Winslow announced today that the appeal cases from the recorder's court will be taken up next Monday morning.

Home Garden Club.

The war is over, but the WAR against the high cost of living still goes on. One of the best ways to win this war is by home production of as many of the necessities as possible.

One of the best means of home production is gardening. Come to the Woman's Club room, Market Hall, Saturday afternoon and join the "Home Garden Club." A number of Laredo women are already interested and we want everyone who can plant a garden to meet with us on Saturday afternoons and get the benefit of Prof. Mally's series of lectures on this subject. He has kindly offered his time and knowledge to help us make it a success. Saturday has been selected as the day, so we may have with us those of the teachers and pupils who are interested in the work. For any further information about the club phone 386.

MRS. W. N. YOUNG.

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES.

JANUARY 15.

1751—The first colonial assembly of Georgia met at Savannah.

1844—The Fontaine Moliere, a memorial to the great French dramatist, was inaugurated in Paris.

1856—Dr. Charles Robinson was elected governor of Kansas under the Topeka constitution.

1890—The Dominion Parliament was opened with a speech by Governor-General Lord Stanley.

1894—Henry M. Rice, one of the first two United States senators from Minnesota, died at San Antonio, Texas. Born at Waitsfield, Vt., 29, 1816.

1905—Thomas H. Carter was elected United States senator from Montana.

1907—King Edward ordered the Victoria Cross to be delivered to representatives of those who would have received the decoration had they lived.

1915—Berlin claimed country north of the Aisne had been cleared of French troops.

1916—Germany announced reprisals against Britain for Baralong incident.

1917—British pressed forward on exposed German salient at Serre.

WILL NOW COMPLETE WORK

AFTER MUCH "GIVING WAY"

LOCAL ORGANIZATION HELPED ALL WAR WORK DONE.

An "Over the Top" Campaign For the Budget of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce Now to Be Pushed.

The fiscal year of the Chamber of Commerce so far as relates to its budget closes in October, that is November first. The organization in charge of the Fourth Liberty Loan Drive requested that the Chamber of Commerce defer its campaign until the county had completed the work on the Fourth loan. This was readily agreed to. When the loan campaign was finished the United War Work Funds campaign was launched before the budget committees had been given an opportunity. In fact most of the War Work Fund committees were composed of Chamber of Commerce committees, and the Chamber of Commerce was again asked to defer its solicitations.

The War Work Fund had hardly been finished when the ladies organized a few committees and canvassed the city for redeeming War Stamp pledges, and later Mr. Lipsitz sent his own representative down to direct a "clean up" campaign on the war stamp drive. This representative asked the Chamber of Commerce to give them a chance with one more request for another week, to complete their work before the budget drive should be started. This was done and the members co-operated as far as within their power.

The extended campaign on the War Stamps pledges ran so late that the Christmas Roll Call drive for the Red Cross was due, and again the Chamber of Commerce co-operated to make this campaign a success by assisting the various committees, and by deferring their budget campaign.

The Chamber of Commerce has now reached a stage in its activities when its claims must be given proper consideration if it is to accomplish all that it wishes to accomplish for the city and county. For that reason Mr. L. M. Purwin in charge of the membership drive is beginning his campaign today. From the statements of facts above recited, it should be clear to every one that the Chamber of Commerce is entitled to their co-operation in this drive for the budget.

They have assisted every other drive, and they now request volunteers from the various organizations and committees which have been given assistance, to come forth and offer their services. This may be done by reporting to Mr. L. M. Purwin by phone and getting their assignment, or reporting to the office of the Chamber of Commerce, and securing a list to be solicited.

If the Red Cross workers will help our committees, as we have helped them, and the War Stamp committees, and other committees which have been given assistance, the work will be easy on every one and will be completed in a few days. Not only that, but it will also show a proper spirit of appreciation and co-operation, which will mean success for every movement undertaken by such a combination and pooling of efforts as has been planned for the rest of the season.

Some of the committees on the budget who had but a few merchants to see completed their work promptly, and made "over the top" reports on their list. If the remainder of the committees are now given proper co-operation, the budget campaign may be completed without much time from any one committee. Let those who wish to help, and those who now feel that they should have subscribed more liberally to the budget, come forward and report for duty promptly.

Change of Meeting.

The regular meeting of Troop 1 Mascots will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock instead of Friday at 4:30 o'clock.

JAKE BUNN,

Scoutmaster.

1-15-3t.

KILLED

Bermuda or Johnson grass or any kind of stump or sprout at one application and costs but a small sum to rid your farm of the dreaded pest and does not injure the land. See or phone me at the Hamilton Hotel interested until January 20th.

E. W. VANNATTA.

1-14-5t.

Electric Bitters

Succeed when everything else fails. In nervous prostration and female weaknesses they are the supreme remedy, as thousands have testified. FOR KIDNEY, LIVER AND STOMACH TROUBLE it is the best medicine ever sold over a druggist's counter.

WILL BUY GOOD, SECOND-HAND

SUGAR BARRELS

ROY CAMPBELL COMPANY.

MEMORIAL BUILDING IDEA

RECEIVES GENERAL FAVOR

SUGGESTION MADE IN TIMES IS GENERALLY APPROVED.

Women of Laredo Will Undertake the Raising of the Necessary Fund and Success Therefore Assured.

The suggestion that a subscription list be circulated and a fund of money be raised sufficient to construct a memorial building instead of a mere memorial monument to the memory of the Laredo and Webb county who offered their services to the country during the recent War, and many of whom made the supreme sacrifice that liberty might not perish, is meeting with general approval and many favorable comments are being heard, whereas the monument proposition did not meet with much favor here among the people.

The women of Laredo have now taken hold of the matter of the memorial building proposition, and what the women undertake generally develops into a success, for it takes women to push through many a proposition that the men dilly and dally without availing any good. As soon as the matter shapes itself to that extent where subscriptions are solicited for the memorial building fund it is an assured fact that liberal responses will be made and within a very short time the necessary amount of money will be forthcoming, although no definite amount to be raised has as yet been decided upon, but the more money secured the better the memorial building to be erected, but it is one thing certain that when the women of Laredo begin the work of raising the memorial fund it will be such as will erect a building that will be a credit to the city and one that will forever perpetuate the memory of every Laredo boy who served in the army or the navy during the war, their names appearing on a tablet, while those who made the supreme sacrifice on the battlefields will likewise have their names engraved upon a marble tablet.

Every city and community in the country who sent soldier boys away to fight the battles of democracy will erect suitable memorial structures to their soldier boys, and hence it is up to Laredo and Webb county to erect a memorial here that will be an everlasting reminder that this community has perpetuated the memory of its heroes.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE Y. P. S. C. E. OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Whereas, This Society has sustained an irreparable loss in the home going of Harold P. Smith, one of its most active and consecrated members; and

Whereas: We deplore the necessity of the call to him to make the supreme sacrifice of his life, that liberty and righteousness might not perish from the earth; Therefore

Be it resolved: That while we mourn the vacancy in our midst, we thank God for the examples of his Christian life and noble death.

Resolved, That we extend to his sorrowing parents and brother our heartfelt sympathy in their loss and command them to the guidance of the loving Heavenly Father whom he trusted and followed.

Resolved, That these resolutions be chronicled in our records, that a copy be sent the family of our brother, a copy to each local paper and to the Christian Courier.

Signed:

LILLA MAY BEAMAN,

E. RUTH FRENCH,

JOHN D. FRASER,

Committee.

Sale of Embroidery Packages

All Buella Package goods in lingerie, children's dresses, and miscellaneous articles are now on sale at 1-4 off regular price. You'll find some excellent numbers in the lot.

See our counter of trimmed hats, 1-2 former value.

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Attorney-at-Law.

BOYS STOLE THE PROPERTY AND OLIVO PURCHASED IT

When Property Located at Home of Olivo He Offered Policeman Five Plunks to Keep Matter Silent.

Apollonio Olivo was arrested yesterday charged with receiving stolen property and then trying to bribe an officer to keep quiet after the stolen property was located and recovered. This morning Olivo was given an examining hearing on the charges preferred against him and bound over to the grand jury in a bond which he failed to give.

To accomplish his work Olivo used two youthful Mexican boys as his tools, buying the stolen goods from the boys for a small sum each time. The matter came to the attention of the officers and Policeman Abel Cantu made an investigation, visiting the home of Olivo and searching it. When the stolen property was located Olivo offered Cantu five dollars to "keep mum," and here is where he created the charge of bribery against himself, for Cantu took Olivo in charge and landed him in the "juzgado."

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.
Before using this preparation for a cough or cold you may wish to know what it has done for others. Mrs. O. Cook, Macon, Ill., writes, "I have found it gives the quickest relief of any cough remedy I have ever used." Mrs. James A. Knott, Chillicothe, Mo., says "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy cannot be beat for coughs and colds." H. J. Moore, Oval, Pa., says "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy on several occasions when I was suffering with a settled cold upon the chest and it has always brought about a cure."

VALUABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING GARDENING

Bulletins of the U. S. Department of Agriculture Give Valuable Information on Home Gardening.

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RESTORED TO COMMERCE.

The following letter restoring a Nuevo Laredo firm to trading privileges with dealers in this country is self-explanatory:

American Consulate, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, January 7, 1919.—Mr. Manuel Cavazos Garcia, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico: Sir—I have the honor to inform you that I have received an official communication from the American Embassy, Mexico, D. F., dated January 4, 1919, of the additions and removal from the Enemy Trading List of the United States, as of December 27, 1918, and among the list of removals appear the following: Manuel Cavazos Garcia, Manuel Cavazos Sr., Manuel Cavazos Jr. I am, Sir, respectfully yours, (signed) Randolph Robertson, American Vice Consul in Charge.

Note:—We desire to inform our clients that we are once more prepared to handle their business through our commission house, MANUEL CAVAZOS, JR. 1-9-19.

RAILROAD TIME TABLE

Texas Mexican.
Train No. 1 leaves for Corpus Christi at 9 a. m.
Train No. 2 arrives from Corpus Christi at 3:35 p. m.

International & Great Northern.
Through fast train for St. Louis leaves at 10:45 a. m. and arrives at 7:15 p. m.

Night Train.
Leaves at 9 p. m. and arrives at 8 a. m.

Rio Grande & Eagle Pass.
Train No. 1 leaves Laredo daily except Sunday at 8:30 a. m. Arrives at Minera at 10:20 a. m.
Train No. 2 leaves Minera daily except Sunday at 11 a. m. Arrives at Laredo at 7:15 p. m.

Sale of Business.
The International Auto Company, composed of Messrs. Manuel Santos & Brother, have sold and transferred all their interest in the business to Messrs. Idefonso Ramirez and Simon Gonzalez, who will conduct the business in future. The former owners thank their customers for their patronage in the past and beg a continuance of the same for the new proprietors.

International Auto Company. 1-9-19.

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LOCAL NEWS

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Clemente Ramirez and Miss Maria Silva, Desiderio Molina and Miss Francisca Castro.

—Prices delivered Laredo Bushel Hampers with covers \$15.50 per hundred; Bushel Baskets with Hoop Covers \$2.15 per dozen. See samples at 1818 Farragut Street. Phone O. C. Ulmer number 1085.

—Among the export manifests filed at the local customs house yesterday afternoon was one for "one lot of little Spanish portions of the Bible."

—When in need of a plumber phone 1203. Juarez Plumbing, 419 Matamoros street.

—The Belmont Rooms and apartments. 602 Main Ave. Phone 576 or 1017.

—The importations through this port from Mexico this morning consisted of five carloads of copper, one carload of guano and one carload of ixite.

—We paint automobiles; also make auto tops. Fidel Cantu, Phone 202.

—The Crescent Garage is the busiest shop in town. Why?

—The big crops of spinach, cabbage and lettuce in the Laredo section are being shipped out at a good rate now. Rain at this time will help mature what cabbage and lettuce that is not that far advanced, while spinach will benefit to that extent where another cutting will soon be in progress.

—Teacher of Gregg Shorthand and Spanish and English. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office; residence 812 Farragut street.

—The Crescent Garage is the busiest shop in town. Why?

—The American Consulate, Nuevo Laredo, has been advised by the American Consul General, Mexico, D. F., that orders originating in Mexico no longer require consular visa and that War Trade Board circular No. 320 has been cancelled.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office; residence 812 Farragut street. Residence phone 348.

—A fresh norther struck here this forenoon with a drizzling rain, this coming on top of the cold spell which arrived last night. The weather forecast calls for rain and colder weather tomorrow.

—If it is neat and accurate job printing that you want send your orders to The Times job department. Expert workmanship and the best of materials.

—Laredo people of an economical turn of mind can celebrate Washington's Birthday Anniversary by setting out a nice spring vegetable garden, as this the proper time of year in South Texas to plant vegetables. Plant a garden containing a good variety of vegetables and they will mature in springtime and be relished by the home circle.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight rain; colder. Wednesday generally fair; colder.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today: Max. temp. 70 degs. Min. temp. 39 degs. General direction of wind: North-east. Clear.

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SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt Society Editor Phone 70 Phone 43

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Tuesday.
The Junior Auxiliary of Christ Church will meet at 4 o'clock in the evening at the Rectory.

The Tuesday Music and Literary Club will meet at the home of Mrs. A. P. Nye at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Community Singing at the Soldiers' Club in the evening.

Wednesday.
The Parish Guild of Christ Church will meet at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. C. C. McKinney.

The Nopales Chapter of Camp Fire Girls will meet at the home of Mrs. J. A. Burnett at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon. This is a called meeting and all members are requested to be present.

There will be a dance at the Young Men's Hebrew Association Hall in the evening. The hostesses will be Mrs. I. Goodman and Mrs. B. Iffeld.

General Mention.

Mr. Ira O'Meara has returned from a short trip to Galveston.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter have moved their residence from the Villegas home to the Victoria Apartments.

Dr. M. Kelly and little son, John Kelly, of New York are among the recent arrivals in the city, and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Lent.

Mr. M. S. Ryan is in El Paso on a business trip.

Mr. R. E. Irby of Beaumont, who has been the guest of Judge and Mrs. Hal Greer for the past week, returned to his home last night.

Lieut. Marcus Wormser recently received his discharge from the army at Camp Sherman, and since that time has been visiting in New York. He will arrive in Laredo the latter part of this week and after a short visit to his parents will return to the A. & M. College to resume his studies.

Mr. T. A. McVicar and daughter, Miss Julia left last night for New York City en route to England. They will stop in Washington en route and will also spend a day in New York City before sailing. Mrs. McVicar will remain in the city during their absence.

Mr. Martin Arnold has returned to San Antonio after a visit to Mr. S. V. Edwards and family.

Mr. Joe Moser will go to San Antonio on Wednesday to join Mrs. Moser and baby, who are in San Antonio visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Wallis have returned from San Antonio, where they went to attend the funeral of Mr. Wallis' father, the late Mr. J. W. Wallis.

Mr. Leonard Haynes arrived in the city this morning from California, where he and family have been spending the winter. Mr. Haynes will be in the city a few days and during his stay will visit his ranch in Zapata county.

Mr. E. J. Foster left last night for Cotulla on a business trip.

Announcement.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet with Mrs. Henry Borchers on Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Entertainment.

The members of the Nullos Club and additional guests were very pleasantly entertained yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Hal Greer. An interesting series of games were enjoyed and the high score fell to Mrs. W. N. Young, who was given Thrift stamps. The hostess served a delicious salad course at the conclusion of the games. The members present were Mesdames Huberich, Hamilton, Woodman, Young, J. S. Penn, Christen and Miss Amar Penn. The guests of the afternoon were Mrs. J. B. Morton and Mrs. Frank Higgins of Louisiana.

Reception.

One of the most delightful affairs of the past week was the reception given by the Jewish Welfare Board Sunday evening at the Young Men's Jewish Association Hall. The following program was given and afforded the guests great pleasure: Vocal Solo, Ernst Buenz Reading, Miss Zara Mowry Russian Dance, Miss Celeste Hamilton and Miss Rosalie Wormser. Vocal Solo, Miss Courtney Slaughter. Music was furnished by several

pieces from the Thirty-seventh Infantry band, and dancing was indulged in after the program. Delicious cake and cream were also served during the evening. The hostesses of the evening were Mesdames F. Wormser and Louis Joseph, assisted by Mrs. Purwin and Mrs. L. Levy. About two hundred soldiers and civilians enjoyed the pleasure of the gracious hospitality.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew met last evening at the Rectory of Christ Church at 7:30 o'clock. The members are busy completing the business which will allow the chapter to unite with the national Brotherhood. The chapter will meet next Monday at the Rectory at the same hour. Those present were: Messrs. Clyde Brennan, Tom Nye, David, Slaughter, Merritt Williams and Rev. Chas. W. Cook.

Birthday Party.

The Puster home was the scene of a gay gathering last evening from 7 until 9:30 o'clock, when Mrs. R. L. Puster entertained a number of young people in honor of the thirteenth birthday of her son, Louie Puster. The room were very appropriately decorated in horseshoes and black cats, these decorations being used to dispel the ill-omens that seem to hover around the figure "13." Bunco and guessing contests were greatly enjoyed by the young guests and the lucky prize winners were, among the girls, Miss Ora Lee Camp, who received a pretty red, white and blue parasol. The other prize, a dainty china pin tray, went to Miss Lois Derby. The boys' prizes were awarded to Joe Wright, who received a magnet, and a puzzle game was given Shirley DaCamara. Singing and playing as enjoyed after the games and was followed by a delicious refreshment course consisting of sandwiches, hot chocolate and cakes. The table was attractive and was centrally adorned with the birthday cake, iced in chocolate and carrying thirteen orange candles. The guests included Lois and Dorothy Derby, Mary Besse McDonald, Emilie Halsell, Genevieve and Ora Lee Camp, Rosita Applewhite, Martha Anderson, Mary Cook, Minerva G'Sell, Anna May Mussett, Josephine and Alice Worsham, Carolyn Brennan, Edward and Joe Wright, Ed. Rex Tarver, Roscoe Harrell, Pat Elstetter, George Anderson, Paul Netzer, Shirley and Lawrence DaCamara, Byron Emerson, John Robert Fasnacht, Jimmy Reeves, Jack and Louie Puster, Ernest Leyendecker, Loti Taylor and Miss Brulard.

RESPONSES ARE VERY SLOW FOR MEMORIAL MONUMENT

City Secretary Woodman, Custodian of Fund, Has Received Very Few Subscriptions So Far.

The fund raised by popular subscriptions to build a memorial monument to the Laredo and Webb county boys who served in the European war, as especially those who fell in battle, is not receiving the response from the people of this section that it should. Up to this time the following subscriptions are reported by City Secretary Woodman, who has charge of the subscriptions to this fund.

Mayor Robert McComb \$250.00
Richter Brothers 250.00
Carlos Garza Cantu 100.00
Laredo Record 10.00
Rev. Walter L. Barr 10.00
M. A. Harper 5.00
L. Villegas & Co. 50.00
Mrs. B. G. Salinas 10.00
"Uncle Johnny" Thompson 5.00
H. G. Dickinson 15.00
H. L. Jackson 10.00
I. Rodriguez 5.00
Steve Simon 10.00
Mrs. John T. Parker 5.00
Cristobal Farias 10.00
J. P. Leyendecker 5.00
J. D. Davis 10.00
M. W. Brennan 10.00
Cash 5.00

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QUESTION OF RUSSIA'S PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE WILL BE DECIDED TOMORROW

First Question to Come Before Actual Peace Conference will be That of the Proposed League of Nations—Marshal Foch on Way to Treves to Arrange with Germans for Extension of Armistice.

PARR SWORN IN.

By Associated Press.
Austin, Texas, Jan. 14.—Archibald Parr was sworn in as senator for the Twenty-third district today over the challenge of Senator Dean, who protested that a contest by D. W. Glasscock for the seat was pending. Lieut. Governor Johnson ruled that the contest was not yet officially before the senate.

COTTON CONSUMED.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Jan. 14.—Cotton consumed during the month of December amounted to 472,941 bales and 10,284 bales of lint, the census bureau announced today.

DUNSTERVILLE A KIPLING HERO.

London, Jan. 14.—Those who would know more of General Dunsterville, leader of the daring and skillfully conducted expedition to Baku, which was doomed to failure thanks to Armenian treachery, can find much enlightenment in Kipling's "Stalky and Co.," for he is none other than Stalky of that entertaining tale, while Kipling plays the role of Beetle.

As boys the clever soldier and the famous author shared studies and escapades at the United Services College, and in its classrooms and playground which has grown stronger with the years, though Fortune has so widely severed their lives—Kipling, fated to leave India to find fame in England, Dunsterville, to win his laurels in a very different field in India.

In India, indeed, there is no better known or more popular figure than the brilliant soldier who has been leading the British forces in Persia. From Mardan to Madras he is known, either personally or by repute, as one of India's smartest soldiers and one of the most genial, simple and lovable of men.

But "Stalky's" gifts are by no means confined to soldiering. He is the finest linguist in the East. He can speak a dozen tongues, from Chinese and Russian to Persian and Pushto, as fluently as a native.

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ONE YEAR AGO TODAY IN THE WAR.

JANUARY 14.
Great Britain decided to add half a million men to her army.

Ex-Premier Joseph Caillaux arrested in Paris on charge of treason.

British airplanes again made successful attack on Karlsruhe, capital of Baden.

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FOUR MORE RATIFIED.

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Jan. 14.—The respective legislatures of Illinois, Indiana, Arkansas and North Carolina today ratified the federal prohibition amendment.

Kansas Senate Ratified It.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 14.—The Kansas senate today by a unanimous vote ratified the national prohibition amendment.

THOMAS AND TABBY ON THE BENCH.

New York, Jan. 14.—The purring aristocracy of the Nation met today at the Hotel McAlpin in a friendly competition for honors and prizes. The event is the annual exhibition of the National Cat Show Association, the members of which include many prominent society women. The judges at the opening of the show today pronounced it the greatest ever, the entries including the most beautiful and purest-bred pussies from all over the country.

NEW FLAGS FOR NEW COUNTRIES.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 14.—No one knows how many new countries there will be in Europe by the end of this year. But one thing is sure. Each of these new countries must have a national flag.

The oldest of European flags is the Danish. The white cross on a ground was suggested to King Waldemar of Denmark by a cross which he is believed to have seen in the heavens at a critical point in his fortunes. That was more than seven hundred years ago, and the Danish flag has remained unaltered ever since.

Previous to the war the newest flag was the Australasian. As most people know, it shows the five stars of the Southern Cross, and resembles a blend of the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes.

The colors of flags are interesting. Of all the national flags the German is the only one which has black and white together.

No fewer than nineteen countries have red as an element in their flags. These include the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy, Spain, Denmark, Belgium, Switzerland, Portugal, Sweden, and also Germany, Austria and Turkey.

Eleven principal countries, including the United States, Great Britain, France and Portugal, show blue, while half a dozen have green. Brazil's flag is mostly green. Italy, however, is the only great European power to show green.

Nine have a flag which is partly yellow. Among them are Spain, Belgium, Sweden, China and Brazil.

There is white in six principal flags. They are those of the United States, France, Russia and Italy, as well as Austria and Germany. The flag of Ecuador is the whitest of all national flags. It is made up of two white bars with, between them, a stripe of blue on which there are white stars.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

The Philippine general hospital recently graduated the first Moro girl nurses.

Chinese history records a woman general, Chin Muh Lau, more than 1,000 years ago.

Kingston, (Ont.) has just elected a woman to its Board of Education for the first time.

Saleswomen in Hutchinson, Kas., have a night school in which they study housekeeping.

A portrait of Queen Mary is to be given to every woman in India who has had a relative killed in the war.

A Catholic sister who served as a nurse in the Crimean war died recently at Sarzana, Italy, at the age of 95 years.

GETTING IT RIGHT.

Two American negro soldiers were discussing musical instruments.

"Var," said one, "Ise gwine ter git me a eucalipits."

"A what?" queried the other. "A eucalipits—dat's a musical instrument, fool!"

"Go on, nigger! You can't kid me—dat's one of de books ob de Bible."—London Ideas.

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From Monday's Daily.

A REAL MEMORIAL.

It is natural that the people of Laredo, like the people of other American towns and cities, should want to erect a memorial to those they have lost in the war for righteousness. Otherwise the sacrifice would be of little value, for only a part of that sacrifice was made for those who are now living; those who are yet to come will reap the greatest advantage from the blood shed in defense of liberty. So it is eminently fitting that those of the coming generations should read the record of the young men who gave up their lives that their successors should enjoy liberty.

It seems undeniable that a memorial which will be of use to the people—all the people, not merely a part—would be more in keeping with the part which our heroes played in the war than a mere cold shaft which does nothing but point to the sky.

We should have something which can be of use by which to remember the young men who marched away with a determination to do their best for the land they loved. They themselves would find small comfort in knowing that a mere monument, such as one sees, in every cemetery in the country, was to be erected to keep their memory green before their fellow men.

The various societies of Laredo are agitating the question of making the memorial a community building, with an auditorium, swimming pool, gymnasium, etc., and thus giving the community something which has been long desired, and at the same time give it in the name of the soldiers who gave their lives for others.

This seems to us the most appropriate sort of a memorial that could be devised. The monument would be looked at occasionally, and unless it were of surpassing merit it would never receive a second glance from strangers. On the other hand, the memorial building would be an addition to our city which would attract attention from every visitor. It would be used all the time by our citizens, and it would solve the problem of commemorating the sacrifice of our soldiers in a dignified and at the same time useful way.

The young men who gave their lives in battle for their country deserve a better fate than to be forgotten. In many cities and towns all through the country there are "soldiers' monuments" erected by patriotic and well-meaning citizens. Most of us have seen several of them. And yet, with the exception of a few of our really great men, who among the thousands of the soldiers on either side are remembered in the towns where they grew to manhood, unless it be by the near relatives or the betrothed?

There is no reason why the memorial should be ugly because it is meant to be useful. If it is necessary to embellish it with something which could be considered a me-

morial and nothing else, why not place a beautiful drinking fountain in front of it, or in the lobby?

The usual soldiers' memorial of a past generation was a more or less ornate shaft, with the figure of a soldier on it, the base lettered with the names of those who died in battle or in the hospitals. It was rarely of any artistic merit. It usually disfigured the landscape, and as a rule it was never noticed save on Decoration Day, while the plot it took up might have been used for something more useful and certainly more dignified.

The plans of the societies referred to are by no means definite as yet. They want the co-operation of the people of Laredo, and they do not offer their plan as the only acceptable one. They merely consider it as better than the proposed cold, dead shaft which would be no more enduring or appropriate a memorial than the one which they mention.

Later meetings of the various societies will bring into more concrete form the proposal for a soldiers' memorial, and it seems a fine thing to have it take a form which would be of service to coming generations, instead of merely something which would cover ground and be defaced in time, without fulfilling any useful purpose.

THE MOONEY CASE.

One reads with little interest the statement that there is to be a great labor conference called for the sole purpose of attempting to secure a new trial for the convicted "labor" leader, Thomas J. Mooney, who is now serving a life sentence for conspiracy to murder.

It is but a short time since certain "labor" elements in this country threatened a strike if Mooney were not pardoned, and as a consequence much pressure was brought to bear on Governor Stephens of California to at least commute the death sentence to life imprisonment, which was finally done.

But even this seems not to have satisfied the aforesaid "labor" leaders, who are now clamoring for the "vindication" of their leader, whom it is desired to free from the consequences of his trial and conviction.

Perhaps the only interesting thing in connection with this called meeting of "labor" men is the insinuation that they will secede from the Federation of Labor and join the new Labor political party which it is proposed to form.

There is something so arrogant in all this that it behooves every real workingman to consider whether he is willing to place himself on the list of this sort of exploiters of the name of labor.

There is no more reason why a man should be pardoned for a crime of which he stands convicted merely because he belongs to a "labor" organization, than there is for him to be pardoned because he is a Methodist, a Catholic or a Jew. It would be just as proper to demand his release because he belonged to the Masons, the Knights of Columbus or the B'nai B'rith.

There is not a week in the year in which there is no conviction of a working man of some crime. It forms no part of his defense that he belongs to Local X Y Z of the International Hod Carriers. The law contemplates no appeal to prejudice because of his station in life, or whether he belongs to organized or unorganized labor.

It is for this reason that the American Federation of Labor has taken no action in the Mooney case, other than to urge that the man be given a fair and impartial trial. It has not gone on record as stating a belief that he was "railroaded" to the penitentiary, nor that he should be pardoned on pain of a general strike throughout the country.

It is to be hoped that the Mooney case will be settled in a fashion which will establish no precedent for future mob rule over our courts. Not that we believe he should be taken out and hanged to terrorize the misguided labor men who have espoused his cause. But they should be shown that the mere fact that he is a "labor" man will not in any way operate to save him if he is guilty, or punish him if he is innocent.

There are several millions of workingmen in this country. Some of them belong to the American Federation of Labor through the affiliated unions, while more of them belong to no labor organization. If the new Labor party is to adopt as a plank in its platform that no "labor" man shall ever be tried for a crime, or if convicted shall never be punished according to sentence, then it is time to investigate that party before it becomes a public menace.

A great many of those who have aligned themselves on the side of Mooney against law and order do not have to secede from the American Federation of Labor; they were read out of that organization because of their connection with the notorious I. W. W.

The forcing of the government of California to either pardon Mooney or to grant him a new trial may establish a precedent for the demand upon the federal government for the release of Big Bill Haywood and others of that ilk who were sentenced after conviction in a federal court.

But it is safe to say that the American Federation of Labor is too conservative to meddle in affairs which do not concern it.

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IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

JANUARY 13.

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CITIZENSHIP IN AN EVERLASTING CITY

REV. W. L. BARR TELLS OF THE QUALIFICATIONS.

Interesting Sermon on "Heaven's Prepared Citizenship" at the Methodist Church Yesterday.

Rev. Barr spoke Sunday morning, at First Methodist Church, on the conditions of admission into the Eternal City. He took for his text the 14th and 15th verses of the 22d chapter of Revelation. He said:

Heaven is both a place and a condition. Believing in one without the other is believing only a half truth, and perhaps the greatest falsehood one could be deceived by. It is a place prepared by Our Lord. It is His ideal wrought out by His own hand. It has a condition of citizenship. This is also His ideal. The place is all He can conceive, and the citizenship is likewise the same.

There shall not go into it any thing that in any wise defiles. Only purity, as God defines it, shall enter His ideal country. Its every citizen shall be prepared in God's kindergarten on the earth. They shall be made clean in this world of preparation, and developed into God's ideal, and then with no stain of wrong upon them they shall enter in through the gates into the City.

This place must be guarded against the possibility of evil entering. It must be made secure. In order to do this God must isolate all evil, everything in the universe that is in the least impure. Here—call it whatever name you will—all evil must be consigned, its doors eternally sealed by the hand of God, and evil left forever to wallow in its own degradation. This must be done for God to be true to Himself, and true to the ones who have believed on Him, and are trusting in Him.

It is not God's will for any man to be consigned to that awful place of evil. He has made His plans clear to man's mind, and told them of evil's end. He has sent every kind of a messenger from man up to angels, and last of all His Son. Every man who goes to that awful place will go there over all that the Eternal God could do to keep him from it.

His plan includes His every creature with Him in that Ideal City. He has made it possible for every man to prepare for citizenship in that Country. His heart is broken when man refuses, and goes headlong in the way of sin and destruction. The Book teaches us in the plainest words that man is immortal. The Testament uses the same word in regard to man's duration that it does in regard to God's. It teaches that both God and man have duration without end. The New Testament uses the same word to express the duration of the saved and lost.

Man is God's child. He is immortal like His Father. This teaches us why God has gone to such lengths, and made such sacrifices to save him. Whatever citizenship he prepares for will be his condition forever. In all the history of infidelity, filled with a longing to read punishment out of God's plan, there has never been one single logical reason given why there should not be a place where all evil was consigned and isolated forever. Likewise there has never been given one sane reason for believing, or even hoping that any one with a taint of evil could ever be admitted into God's final country of absolute perfection.

The citizens of that country of beauty and happiness have a common experience, and a common character. They were all once sinners. Evil had slithered and blackened their souls; but they came to Jesus and allowed Him to wash them in His righteousness, and make them clean. No man will be in that white-robed throng except the ones who are cleansed by Him.

If any man tries to climb up some other way he will be accounted as a thief and a robber, and will be cast into the pit of sin. His blood alone can make clean the human heart.

Their characters are therefore alike, each has been made in fellowship with Christ, and molded by His Divine hand. This has taken them through the common experience of tribulation. Sin has tried to blacken their lives. And as they have stood for the right and pure the contrast has been so sharp that the world of sin has often hated them, and persecutions have fallen across their lives. But the same experience of Jesus walking with them and keeping them day after day is likewise theirs. And there before His throne, in perfect accord with Him and each other, they dwell in perfect happiness, and unspeakable joy.

Heaven is a place, God's place of perfection. All that the Mind, which knows all the universe, can find of beauty, and loveliness, and perfection will be brought in celestial splendor, radiant with the unbroken freshness of the eternal morning, and set in unknowable beauties, and comforts to bless and delight His children forever. In that land of perfection man will grow in knowledge and manhood and greatness forever, with no evil or temptation to ever mar his growth. Oh, whatever else I miss, whatever this world denies me, I want to be in that Country prepared by my Father for His children!

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Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Before using this preparation for a cough or cold you may wish to know what it has done for others. Mrs. O. Cook, Macon, Ill., writes, "I have found it gives the quickest relief of any cough remedy I have ever used." Mrs. James A. Knott, Chillicothe, Mo., says "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy cannot be beat for coughs and colds." H. J. Moore, Oval, Pa., says "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy on several occasions when I was suffering with a settled cold upon the chest and it has always brought about a cure."

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GYMKHANA FORT M'INTOSH ATTRACTED LARGE CROWD

VARIOUS EVENTS DREW ENTHUSIASM FROM SPECTATORS.

Similar Events Will Be Held Next Sunday at the Same Place and All Invited to Attend.

The largest crowd that ever gathered strictly for pleasure at Fort McIntosh as out Sunday afternoon to witness the first of the weekly gymkhanas, which took place behind the old cavalry barracks. Between 3,000 and 4,000 persons were present, including many from the city of Laredo.

Lieut. Col. Martin L. Crimmins, new commander of the district, and who originated the idea of the gymkhanas to relieve the tedium of Sunday afternoon, took an active part in directing the various events and seeing that everything went off properly. Cheering was almost continuous, and a number of the events kept the spectators in a veritable frenzy of excitement. Several of the riders in the bareback events were thrown in rounding the rather sharp turn at the end of the course, but none of them was injured.

The first event—a saddling race, in which the contestants started bareback, rode the length of the course, saddled their mounts and returned—was won by Sergeant Cude of the quartermaster corps.

The second event, a potato race, won much applause. The contestants rode the length of the course, taking three jumps with spoons in their hands. At the end of the course they dismounted, picked up an Irish potato in their spoons, remounted and rode back. Touching the potato with the fingers was prohibited, and many of the contestants were disqualified for failure to observe that rule. Wagoner Piper of the Supply Company, riding a mule, won the event.

The third event was a football race, in which the contestants rode around, picked up a football and returned to the starting point—all bareback. This was won by Private Romeyn of Headquarters Company.

The fourth event was a mounted bareback wrestling contest, in which two contestants at a time took their places inside a 15-yard ring and tried to force each other either to get outside the ring or dismount. This was won by Private Orr of B Company, after several contests with Wagoner Piper of the Supply Company.

The mounted tug-of-war—contested in by teams of eight men each from Headquarters and Supply Company—was won by the Supply Company team, mounted on mules.

The liaison race—the only foot event of the day—was won by a team from Headquarters Company. The team was composed of Privates McKenney, Kramer, Hubert, Thrasher, Caldwell, Rundle, Dill and Hays.

The litter race was won by Buglers Desloges and Kruk of A Company, over three other contesting teams.

The mounted rescue race was won by Private Haynes of Headquarters Company.

Corporal Leathers of Supply Company and Private Kiker of C Company had no competition in the packing race, but put on a demonstration of quick and efficient packing of a mule.

One of the features of the day was an unannounced event in which gun crews from the Machine Gun Company, under Capt. J. J. Atkinson, demonstrated their speed in getting in to and out of action.

For mounting gun, for which 20 seconds is allowed, 11 3/5 seconds was taken; for loading, five seconds allowed, three and a half seconds was taken; for sight-setting and laying, eight seconds allowed, six and a half seconds was taken, and the same team has done it often in drill in five seconds; for unloading, five seconds allowed, three seconds was taken, and two is the record for the team; for dismounting, fifteen seconds allowed, 11 1/2 was taken, and the record of the same team is nine. For going into action, 35 seconds allowed, 22 seconds was taken, and for going out of action, twenty seconds allowed, 12 3/4 seconds was taken.

The teams participating were: First, Privates Martin, Straub and Ransom, Machine Gun Company; second, Privates Slates and Wheeler, Machine Gun Company, and Cpl. Juliana, E Company; third, Privates Knecht, Hogg and Janko, Machine Gun Company.

The events next Sunday will be held at the same time and the place. Any residents of the city who desire to participate will be welcomed, and will be furnished with mounts. A list of the events will be published later.

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MUST HAVE THE POLL TAXES IF ANYONE DESIRES TO VOTE

JANUARY 31 LAST DAY ON WHICH RECEIPTS ARE ISSUED.

Several Important Elections May Be Held in Laredo This Year; it Behooves You to Get Poll Taxes.

In order to be qualified to vote at any elections to be held in this city or county during the year 1919 a resident or citizen thereof must be possessed of the necessary poll taxes—both the city and county poll taxes to vote in the city, and the county poll tax in order to vote at any election to be held outside of Laredo in other precincts of the county.

It is an obligation of American citizenship to be possessed of the requisite poll taxes in order to vote on issues or for candidates for office in which the people generally are concerned, and the law now requires that in order to exercise this suffrage in the affairs of a city, county or state that the voters of Texas be possessed of poll taxes taken out before the thirty-first day of January of the year in which such poll taxes are issued.

Property tax-payers have no alternative in the paying of poll taxes, as they are a requisite in connection with the property tax. The tax-payers of the city of Laredo will have the bond issue for sewerage bonds to vote on during the present year, and there is no telling what other propositions may come up to be decided by them, but they must have their poll taxes in addition to their property tax receipts in order to vote. Therefore it behooves all those interested in the governmental affairs of their city and county to get out the necessary poll tax receipts before the end of the present month. Go to the city or county tax collector as soon as convenient and get your poll tax receipts—it costs you \$1.50 for the state and county poll tax and \$1 for the city poll tax. You must have both in order to vote at any city election. Get busy!

WANTED: 100 MEN and WOMEN to sell stock.

ARMY MEN and OFFICERS APPLY. Either call or write. PERMANENT POSITIONS.

We are offering to the purchasing public what we believe to be the most extraordinary oil and refining proposition ever put on in this district. We have \$20,000.00 worth of the choicest leases at Burk Burnett which we are about to develop. A one-thousand (1,000) barrel refinery is to be built at Burk Burnett. The capital of the small company is \$45,000.00, and the stock is selling at only ten cents a share. We have gotten out what is recognized as the finest and fastest selling dope yet used. If you do not know the business we will train you at our expense.

We give our stock holders a bigger run for their money than any of the other operators. You will make more money on this job in the next 30 to 60 days than you have ever made in your life.

Our sales kit will convince you that the men heading this concern know the business and that our 35 acres of proven leases are bound to bring big results. We use the new refining process and are a joint oil and refining company, with only a capital of \$45,000.00. Apply early Monday morning or write—Sales Manager, BIG SOUTHERN COMPANY, 112 E. 9th St., Ft. Worth, Texas.

1-13-2t.

GREAT CROWDS ASSEMBLED TO WITNESS FEATURE PLAY

Royal Theater, Lobby and Sidewalk Crowded With People Anxious to See "Riders of the Purple Sage."

The Royal Theater was not only crowded to its full capacity last night with people to witness the screen version of Zane Grey's great novel, "The Riders of the Purple Sage," with William Farnum in the role of "Lassiter," but standing room was even at a premium in the spacious lobby of the showhouse and even on the sidewalk immediately in front of it. It was a great play and the people knew the Royal had it at its best, hence the clamor to gain admission to witness the production.

The screen version of the written work is a good one, and those who have read the book saw a vivid reproduction of the most interesting incidents referred to. Farnum was great in the leading role and he was supported by a strong cast, including the Mormon leader and his flock and all the others having direct connection with the play as written.

Sale of Business. The International Auto Company, composed of Messrs. Manuel Santos & Brother, have sold and transferred all their interest in the business to Messrs. Hildebrando Ramirez and Simon Gonzalez, who will conduct the business in future. The former owners thank their customers for their patronage in the past and beg a continuance of the same for the new proprietors.

International Auto Company. 1-9-15t.

LOCAL NEWS

—Born:—Last night to Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hastings, Jr., a boy. Mother and child both doing well.

—The importations through this port from Mexico this morning consisted of seven carloads of calamine.

—No definite information has been received as to when the change of schedule of the night train on the I. & G. N. into Laredo will go into effect, though it is expected that the train will be reaching Laredo early in the afternoon before the end of the present month. Oh, how welcome the change will be to those getting mail orders and other important correspondence.

—The northerly and rainy spells have evidently subsided for a time, for the past two days have been veritable springtime days in Laredo. But remember, Orlando, there are many days of winter yet ahead, and treacherous old February is yet to take its swing before the springtime is ushered in.

—Yesterday's casualty lists contained the name of Private Alejandro Trejo of Laredo as missing in action.

—The exportations to Mexico through the port of Laredo continues to be as heavy as ever, while the importations from Mexico through this port is much diminished at this time.

—The big events which are planned to take place each Sunday afternoon at Fort McIntosh, the first of which occurred yesterday afternoon, will provide amusement for civilians as well as soldiers during dull Sunday afternoons, and eventually the sport features will be attended by thousands of persons who enjoy athletic events.

CELEBRATION ABANDONED IN LAREDO FOR NEXT MONTH

EVIDENTLY NO ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO STAGE EVENT.

Some Business Men Believe People Should Be Given Opportunity to Recuperate From Retrenchment.

Notwithstanding the fact that the war is ended, peace has come and the whole world practically is celebrating the victory that came to the exponents of humanity, and which will result in all sections of this country this year pulling off the annual events that had been a custom for years past but were suspended last year on account of the war, Laredo will perhaps be one of the very few places in the country that will not celebrate this year, for it is now evident that the annual celebration of Washington's Birthday Anniversary on February 22 will go by default again this year.

Prof. F. W. Mally, secretary of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce, took the initiative in starting a movement for pulling off the celebration this year, but after sounding public sentiment by asking the opinions of certain business men who are usually active in this annual event, he abandoned the effort, as most of those approached expressed themselves averse to such a celebration this year in order to allow the people to recuperate from the retrenchment policies that were absolutely necessary during the war, when they had to economize at home and contribute their part toward the winning of the war from their financial possessions—and the same thing was done all over the United States.

In order to stage a big celebration here at least six weeks are necessary in which to make the proper arrangements and prepare a program that will be a credit to the city, and therefore it is not probable that any effort to pull off a celebration this year will be made, as the event is about six weeks away and by the time a few adjourned meetings were held the time would be at hand. So it is almost certain at this time that no effort will be made to pull off the annual celebration of Washington's Birthday Anniversary in Laredo during next month.

NOTICE

Is hereby given that the county commissioners court of Webb County, will, at its regular session on the 10th day of February, 1919, open bids from any bank or trust company doing business in said county, which wishes to become depository for said county for the period of two years from Feb. 15, 1919. Said bid shall state the amount of interest said institution is willing to pay on daily balances of county and state funds to be deposited with it by the county tax collector and the county treasurer, and accompany said bid with a certified check for the sum of \$375.00 as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the bidder, that he will enter into bond as such depository as required by law.

The county commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids. Done by order of the county commissioners court of Webb County, Texas.

Witness my official signature at office in Laredo, Texas, this 6th day of January, 1919.

GEO. R. PAGE, County Judge, Webb County, Texas.



Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt
Society Editor

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Monday.

The Nullos Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Hal W. Greer at 3:30 in the afternoon.

The Sun Beam Band of the Baptist Church will hold its regular weekly meeting at the church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

There will be a meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew at the Rectory of Christ Church in the evening.

Master Louie Puster will entertain with a birthday party, from 7 until 9:30 o'clock, in the evening.

Tuesday.

The Junior Auxiliary of Christ Church will meet at 4 o'clock in the evening at the Rectory.

The Tuesday Music and Literary Club will meet at the home of Mrs. A. P. Nye at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Community Singing at the Soldiers' Club in the evening.

This is a song of the Navy Flag
To the morning light unfurled,
White with the salt of the seven seas,
And blown by the winds of the world,
Flown from the peak of the battle ship,
The pride of its gallant crew,
Set with the stars of the midnight skies
On a field of dusky blue.

Its folds are sweet with the spicy scents
From tropical islands green
With feathery palms like emeralds set
In the ocean's sapphire sheen.
It boldly beckons the restless boy
Who dreams of the smell of tar,
And slanting sails in the sunset glow,
And wonderful ports afar.

Hail! All hail to the Navy Flag!
It wraps poor Jack at last
When he goes to his long, long watch below
In the depths of the waters vast.
Salute the square of its spangled blue
Wherever it may be,
For the Navy Flag with its milky stars
Is the service flag of the sea.
—Minnie Irving in New York Sun.

General Mention.

Mr. Ben Irby, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Hal W. Greer, left Saturday night for San Antonio in response to news that his son, Mr. Ben Irby Jr., had arrived there with other wounded soldiers from France.

Mrs. Perry King, state secretary of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, who came in Saturday from Fort Worth to address the congregation of the Christian church, left today for Pearsall. While in the city she was the guest of Mrs. R. A. Millar.

The many friends of Capt. LeGette Tarver will be interested in knowing that he has recently been made provost officer for the 36th division, which is still in France.

Mr. E. P. Salisbury of Mexico passed through the city yesterday en route to San Antonio.

Mr. Joe Vidales and little daughter Olivia are in Enclinal for a short stay.

The many friends of Mr. M. M. Leyendecker will be glad to know that he is now convalescent after a recent illness from influenza.

Mrs. Frederick Gilbreath, who has been visiting relatives in Austin for the past several weeks and who has been ill with influenza, is now convalescent.

Lieut. G. E. Sielski writes that our boys in the army of occupation are experiencing some very cold weather, but that they have comfortable quarters, stoves and plenty of coal.

Announcements.

Nogales Chapter of Camp Fire Girls will hold a called meeting at the home of Mrs. J. A. Burnett Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Members are urged to be present.

The Married Ladies Social Club will be entertained Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Mrs. Robt. McComb.

Wedding Announcement.

The following wedding announcement received in Laredo on Saturday is of interest, as the groom is well known here, being vice-president of the Laredo National Bank: "Mrs. Beulah B. Hellman announces the marriage of her daughter, Jessie Lee, to Mr. Benjamin Mortimer Alexander, on Wednesday, the eighth of January, nineteen hundred and nineteen, Saint

Louis, Missouri. At home, Laredo, Texas."

Entertainment.

Wendell Guinn was pleasantly complimented on his birthday, Saturday afternoon, with a box party at the Strand theater, with his mother, Mrs. O. H. Guinn, as hostess. At the conclusion of the photoplay refreshments were enjoyed at the City Drug Store. The guests included: The honor guest, Wendell Guinn; Bobby Woodul; Webb Dickey, James Dickey, Victor Sielski, Jack Guinn and Gordon Barr. Mrs. Guinn was assisted by Miss Irwin in chaperoning the small guests.

Honoring Mrs. Cullinan.

Dr. and Mrs. M. P. Cullinan entertained the members of St. Peter's choir, complimenting their daughter, Mrs. Jos. Cullinan, prior to her departure last week. A delightful musical program was given, Mrs. Joseph Cullinan, Mrs. M. P. Cullinan, Dr. H. C. Hlatt and Mr. A. P. Notzon each giving several lovely selections. A refreshment course was served and dancing was enjoyed during the remainder of the evening.

Reception.

In celebration of their first anniversary, the Lone Star Bluebirds received their friends at the home of their Guardian, Mrs. Alfred Poggenpohl, on Saturday afternoon from 4 until 6 o'clock. The rooms were charmingly arranged, with the doorways and windows garlanded with foliage, holding many tiny bluebirds. Cages holding canaries were swung from each chandelier. The guests were greeted at the door by Misses Josephine Daiches and Eleanor Morrow, who were in charge of the guest book. The punch table was pretty in its arrangement of violets and sprays of fern and was presided over by Miss Mabel Barr. Tea was served during the afternoon from a daintily appointed table laid in Cluny, centrally adorned with a low crystal bowl filled with violets and encircled with sprays of fern. Miss Margaret Copeland poured tea and was assisted in serving sandwiches and mints by the other members of the Chapter. About a hundred guests called during the afternoon and enjoyed the delightful hospitality of the small hostesses. Mrs. Alfred Poggenpohl, Mrs. J. A. Burnett and Mrs. Henry Ward assisted the Bluebirds in entertaining.

The Soldier Memorial.

That Laredo will have a Memorial Community Building to honor its boys who so valiantly fought and died for democracy was evidenced Friday afternoon when representatives of twenty local organizations and churches met and held a most enthusiastic meeting at the Woman's Club. The lack of interest shown up to the present time and the failure to secure the proper response from Laredo regarding a memorial monument or building to honor our dead prompted the calling of the meeting of yesterday afternoon. It was pointed out that a memorial community building, containing an immense auditorium, with a large seating capacity, enabling Laredo people to have the opportunity of bringing and hearing noted speakers, musicians and lyceum courses; a swimming pool, which would at all times be open for our boys who served their country; a well equipped gymnasium and the many other valuable features that would be contained in such a building, would do honor to those in whose memory it was erected, and bring a much needed and long-felt want in the community. The erection of a memorial community building will be strongly urged and a mass meeting of our citizens will be held soon to further the plans. We wish to have expressions from Laredo people. Give us your ideas and thoughts; let us not rest until we are confident that Laredo has fittingly remembered its heroes. We want to hear from you. Send your communications to Mrs. Hodges, publicity chairman, or to The Times office direct.

The organizations represented at Friday's meeting were: Child's Welfare League, Entre Nous Club, Maira Club, Alpha Club, Tuesday Music and Literary Club, Heights Civic Club, Eastern Star, Hebrew Ladies Aid Society, Woman's Club, B. R. D. A., Married Ladies Social Club, Married Ladies Dancing Club, Ladies of the W. O. W., Laredo Seminary, Girls Honor Guard, Ursuline Convent, Christ Church, St. Peter's Church, San Augustin Church, Methodist Church, Baptist Church, Presbyterian Church.

—Contributed.

Ragged wounds are painful and cause much annoyance. If not kept clean they fester and become running sores. BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT is an antiseptic healing remedy for such cases. Apply it at night before going to bed and cover with a cotton cloth bandage. It heals in a few days. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Notice to Auto Owners.

I have been authorized by the State Highway commission to receive license tax on automobiles for the year 1919 and parties desiring same can now secure them by calling at my office this date.

H. LIGARDE,

Tax Collector.

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 30, 1918.

SECRETARY OF U. S. EMBASSY HAS RETURNED TO HIS POST

Second Secretary Harriman Passed Through Laredo Yesterday En route From Visit to Washington.

Oliver Harriman, second secretary of the American embassy in Mexico City, arrived in Laredo yesterday morning from Washington on his way to the Mexican capital to resume his duties after spending the holidays in the East.

Mr. Harriman remained in Laredo only between trains and left Nuevo Laredo yesterday on his southward journey.

JAMES WHARTON.

(Contributed.)

James Wharton, a native of Reading, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where he was born April 8, 1843, and where he spent his early boyhood, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. E. Reeves, in this city on Saturday morning, January 11, 1918, at 3:45 o'clock, death following an attack of paralysis which he suffered last November and an illness from influenza which he contracted in December, since which time he had been in a very weak condition. Deceased came to Laredo accompanied by his wife three weeks ago and had since made his home with his daughter, Mrs. J. E. Reeves. Last Monday he was compelled to take to his bed.

Deceased served as a volunteer during the civil war as a member of Co. A, 88th Pennsylvania Regiment, enlisting August 23, 1861, and being honorably discharged February 4, 1865. He was a member of San Antonio Camp G. A. R. On December 19, 1866, he was married in Philadelphia to Miss Sarah Greenwood, and in 1873 Mr. and Mrs. Wharton removed to Texas to make their home, settling at Goliad, where they remained until ten years ago, when they came to Laredo. Deceased is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. C. Cash and Mrs. Ella Perkins of Goliad, Albert Wharton of San Antonio, Mrs. W. M. Bergman, Mrs. J. E. Reeves, Mrs. H. Teal, and Messrs. Sam and Charles Wharton of Laredo.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon from the home of Mrs. J. E. Reeves, 1402 Salinas Avenue, at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Beddoe of the Baptist church, with interment in the W. O. W. plot.

Notice.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of The First State Bank & Trust Company of Laredo, will be held in the banking rooms of said institution, on Tuesday, January 14th, 1919, for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may be legally brought before it.

L. A. LAFON, Secretary.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

When you are troubled with indigestion or constipation, take Chamberlain's Tablets. They strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its function naturally. Indigestion is usually accompanied by constipation and is aggravated by it. Chamberlain's Tablets cause a gentle movement of the bowels, relieving the constipated condition.

PERSONALS

D. O. Gallagher of Zapata county is in the city on a short business visit. Chas. S. Cooper of San Antonio is in the city.

Henry Woods of Jesus Maria ranch arrived in the city Saturday for a short visit.

W. H. Dunn and L. W. Kinsley of Asherton spent yesterday in the city, having made the trip here by automobile.

Hon. Wilbur P. Allen spent yesterday in the city en route to Austin from his ranch near Hebbroville.

Geo. (Black Horse) Cooper of Monterey passed through this city Saturday en route to San Antonio and other points in the state.

C. C. Biggio returned yesterday from a few days business trip to Houston. He was taken ill en route home and is now confined to his bed with the influenza.

TWICE PROVEN.

If you suffer backache, sleepless nights, tired, dull days and distressing urinary disorders, don't experiment. Read this twice-told testimony. It's Laredo evidence—doubly proven.

John Beyett, says: "I was badly afflicted with a lame back and a dull ache over my kidneys, when standing. I had difficulty in passing the kidney secretions too, and felt depressed and lacked energy. A friend of mine told me about Doan's Kidney Pills, praising them so highly that I got some at Bruhl's Drug Store. I was pleased with the quick results Doan's gave me. This medicine removed the frequent headaches and bladder trouble and the lameness in my back soon left."

SEVEN YEARS LATER Mr. Beyett said: "I can recommend Doan's Kidney Pills as highly today as I did years ago. I haven't had any kidney trouble during the last few years and I give Doan's the credit for this."

60c. at all dealers. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

THE FIRST ACTUAL SESSION OF THE PEACE CONFERENCE IS BEING HELD IN PARIS TODAY

Merely Laying Ground Work for the Structure to be Presented Later to the Formal Assembly of Delegates of All the Nations—American Delegates Primarily Concerned with League of Nations.

EVEN FOR PERSONAL USE.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Jan. 13.—The supreme court held today that the Reed "bone dry" prohibition amendment prohibits interstate transportation into dry states of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes, even when it is intended for personal use.

LEGISLATURE TO MEET.

By Associated Press.
Austin, Texas, Jan. 13.—The Thirty-sixth legislature will convene at noon tomorrow. Today's arrivals show that there will be more than a quorum present in both branches. R. E. Thompson of El Paso will be elected speaker without opposition. Friends of McMillin from Grayson say his name will not be presented.

FROM HERE AND THERE

For nearly eighty years the Cunard Line has been sending ships over the seas.

During the present year Cincinnati will complete its first century of existence as a city.

Weight for weight and with proper burners, fuel oil is supposed to give 50 per cent more steam than coal.

The Epsom Derby, the great English flat race which even the war has not sent into oblivion, has been renewed annually with slight interruption since 1780.

The year 1919 marks the semi-centennial of the completion and formal opening of the Suez Canal, which still ranks as one of the greatest engineering projects of the world.

A famous member of the Royal Academy once said that there were more reputed old masters than could possibly have been painted, and hundreds of imitations are sold as genuine, many of them in well-known collections.

The original model of the sewing machine invented by Elias Howe, whose centenary will be celebrated this year, is on display in the National Museum at Washington. The machine was patented September 10, 1846.

The finest rubber in the world is Para, gathered in the Amazon regions of South America. This rubber has been gathered in practically the same way for more than a century, native men, women and children being engaged in the work.

Sir Robert Walpole was Britain's first Prime Minister, and he served much the longest of all—twenty-one years without a break. There have been fifty Premiers since Walpole, who took office nearly 200 years ago. Of the men who have filled the office more than once William E. Gladstone holds the record with four terms.

The war of Italy, France and Austria in 1859 was terminated in a surprising fashion by an armistice agreed on personally between Napoleon III. of France and Francis Joseph of Austria, just as the French and Italian armies were in the full tide of success. Victor Emmanuel was forced to agree, and the terms of the armistice were embodied in a peace treaty.

Both the words and the music of the Marseillaise are the composition of Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle, a captain in the French army. He was quartered at Strasbourg in 1792, when, at a party, the Mayor of Strasbourg expressed a regret that the soldiers had no patriotic marching song. De Lisle, who was an amateur violinist, went home to his lodgings, and during the night picked out on his violin the tune which has since become so famous, and wrote the words. Next day the song was sung, and by the following day it was arranged for a military band. For 125 years the piece has been the national anthem of the French people.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight and Tuesday cloudy; probably rain; somewhat colder.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today: Max. temp. 73 degs. Min. temp. 39 degs. General direction of wind: West. Clear.

By Associated Press.

Paris, Jan. 13.—The first actual session of the peace congress is being held today, although it is officially designated as one of a series of conversations for laying the groundwork for the structure which will later be presented to the formal assembly of the delegates of all the nations. These conversations will take up the details of the program to be carried out, what subjects will be considered at the meetings, the roles of the expert advisers and the order in which the various matters will be considered. Nothing has developed to alter the statement that the American delegates are primarily concerned with the creation of a league of nations and the making of a just peace. Reports that the American delegates had agreed on a working plan for the league of nations and that it will be one of the first things to be laid before the congress have been current in Paris. All outward evidences in official quarters point in the other direction.

Question of Representation.

Paris, Jan. 13.—The first business before the supreme war council when it reassembled this afternoon was the settlement of the question of representation in the first session of the interallied conference. It is still unsettled what nations will be represented or the number of delegates that will be allotted to each it developed, however, that China will not be represented by Japan, but will have her own delegation.

Brazil Heads the List.

Paris, Jan. 13.—Because of her active participation in the war, particularly her naval activity, Brazil heads the list of the Latin-American allies and will have an important voice in the making of peace.

To Acquire Ships.

Paris, Jan. 13.—American and British representatives will hold a conference with German admiralty authorities at Treves Wednesday for the purpose of acquiring possession of German and Austrian passenger ships for the transportation of troops. It is proposed that America furnish Austria and Germany food for the ships.

Ready to Help Poland.

Paris, Jan. 13.—America has informed the allied governments, according to Le Temps, that it is ready to send an American expeditionary force to Poland. This force, the newspaper states, will be able to at least double the support given by two Polish divisions to be sent from the western front and will enable the Poles to victoriously resist the Bolsheviks.

Fighting is Resumed.

London, Jan. 13.—Copenhagen advices say that the armistice between the contending factions in Berlin has been broken and fighting has been resumed. The Spartacans are still in

SOLDIERS WERE INJURED.

By Associated Press.
San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 13.—Several soldiers were seriously injured, three firemen were hurt and Chief Goetz may lose his eyesight as the result of a fire in a government warehouse here this morning.

LABOR TO ACT ON MOONEY ISSUE.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 13.—The eyes of organized labor throughout America will be turned toward this city tomorrow, on the occasion of the assembling of the special labor congress called to take action on the case of Thomas J. Mooney, the former San Francisco labor leader who is now serving a life sentence in the penitentiary following his conviction on a charge of complicity in the San Francisco Preparedness Day bomb explosion.

It is the expectation of those promoting the congress that the gathering will be one of the largest and most representative of its kind ever held in the United States. Labor unions in every section of the country, including national, state and local organizations, are sending delegates, and the indications are that the attendance may reach the 1,000 mark.

Plans to secure a new trial for Mooney will furnish the main topic of consideration. The conference will lay plans for a vigorous attempt to have the Federal government intervene, on the ground of necessity to preserve constitutional rights, and have the case referred to a Federal court or to the court of another State. The international policy in regard to the Mooney case and an additional publicity campaign also will be considered.

One aspect of the congress which is attracting much attention is the rumored possibility that the gathering may take up for discussion the question of secession from the American Federation of Labor and joining the proposed Labor political party. The promoters, however, declare that no such plans are afoot and that the conference will act in accordance with the policy of the American federation.

ALL IT WAS.

Private Bill Smith had just come home on leave from Mesopotamia, and Mrs. Smith was entertaining some friends in honor of the hero's return. Suddenly, in the midst of the festivities, a heavy thud and a torrent of abuse were heard proceeding from the adjoining room.

"Mercy! What's that awful profanity?" asked one of the guests.

"Oh, don't be alarmed, my dear," observed the hostess. "It's only Bill. He's fallen over his Persian prayer rug again."—Tit-Bits.

THE FLIPPANT ANSWER.

"They've always got a flippant answer ready."

The speaker was Representative King. He was conducting a suffrage argument.

"Our opponents have always got a flippant answer ready," he repeated. "They're like the waiter in the cafeteria."

"Waiter," said a patron, "there's not a single oyster in this oyster soup."

"Well," said the waiter, flippantly, "what about it? You had a cabinet pudding yesterday, but you didn't find Daniels or Newty Baker in it, did you?"

possession of the Tagleblatt building. Thirteen hundred Spartacan troops have been killed and many more wounded in the fighting.

British Occupy Dusseldorf.

Copenhagen, Jan. 13.—British troops have occupied Dusseldorf, 21 miles northeast of Cologne, which has been in the hands of the Spartacans, according to a report from Berlin.

WAS O. K.

A farmer had come up to town for a few days. Before he started he had promised to bring his daughter a present, so he went into a jeweler's shop and said to the assistant: "I want a pair of earrings, cheap, but pretty."

"Yes, sir," said the jeweler, "you want something loud, I suppose?"

"Well, I don't mind if one of them is a little loud," replied the farmer. "My girl is slightly deaf in one ear."

MR. WILSON DESIRES IMMEDIATE ACTION

URGES THAT CONGRESS ACT PROMPTLY FOR THE RELIEF OF THE EUROPEAN NATIONS.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Jan. 13.—President Wilson has sent an urgent message to Senator Martin and Representative Sherley, chairman of the congressional appropriations committees, asking them to present with all possible force and urgency to congress the need for immediate action on his request for \$100,000,000 for food relief for Europe.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY IN THE WAR.

JANUARY 13.

Armistice between the Central Powers and Russia, which would have expired January 14, prolonged a month at request of the Bolsheviks.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 80c. per month.

THE RAILROAD PROBLEM.

There seems to be right and justice on the side of the railroad executives who oppose the retention of government control over the roads for another five years. The consent of the owners of the railroads should be asked and secured if the government is to continue in peace times the use of the roads which was not denied it in war times.

So far there is nothing to indicate that the extension of government control would be to the advantage of the public, the government or the owners of the railroads. The fact that the government faces a deficit of \$136,000,000 in one short year of control indicates that it would not be a paying business, at any rate while the government was obliged to guarantee dividends to the stockholders.

And there is no one who can successfully controvert the statement that the public has suffered from government control. Everybody, from producer and shipper down to the ultimate consumer has been charged more than the railroads ever dared to suggest for freight and passenger tariffs. The service has been—indeed, still is—abominable. Even the great trunk lines are giving service that in former times would not have been tolerated from a little branch line.

So far, the only ones who have benefitted from government control are the stockholders, who have been guaranteed dividends which they were not always sure of getting under private management.

But as a matter of justice, when a man owns a thing which some one else wants, he must be paid for it. No one—in peace times, at least—can step in and take control of the management on the assumption that he can manage it better than the owner. And this applies to the government as well as to a private individual.

The exigencies of war time made it necessary for the government to have entire control of the railroads, the telegraphs and the telephones, just as they had of the postoffice and the army and navy. This was denied by no one. It was a case of necessity, just as many other disagreeable things were, and all Americans stood the annoyance and the monetary loss from pure patriotism.

But as soon as peace shall have returned, there is no necessity for the government commandeering anything which belongs to individuals or corporations, and the railroads should either return to their owners and their employees, or they should be purchased outright by the government and run for the benefit of the people.

It may be that when the railroads are owned by the government and need not be run for a profit, they may not cost the people so much as they have in the past year. But unless the government can demonstrate a greater ability in the future than it has in the past, the railroads would give better service under private management than they are at present giving under a bureaucratic system.

The people depend upon transportation more than upon manufacture or other industry. What is the use of manufacturing products if you cannot handle them to such advantage that they may be sold profitably? And what is the advantage of having money to purchase the goods you need if you cannot get them when you need them?

There are cases of prime necessities being delayed more than a month between St. Louis and Laredo; of shipments from San Antonio to this city being delayed more than a week. There are even cases of mail sent from the Middle West taking three and four weeks en route.

These things do not testify to any presumed advantage to be gained by extending government control over another five years, and manufacturers, shippers and consumers, as well as the railroad stockholders, will frown upon any attempt to continue government control for a single day longer than is really necessary to make the transfer back to private ownership. We who have growled at the railroads are now wishing we had not exchanged King Log for King Stork.

A QUESTION OF JUSTICE.

An editorial in The Nation, published in New York, in alluding to the press comment concerning Mexico, says: "Newspaper comment running throughout the week is in the tone of 'Mexico next!'. . . . In case of a disagreement between two governments, the chosen function of the press in most instances is to egg on each of them until the disagreement winds up in a serious crisis. This is precisely what the American press is doing—urging on first the Carranza government and then our own. If the public permits itself to be moved, the press and the interests it speaks for will gain their ends, but no other-wise."

In all this there is the assumption that The Nation is superior to "the press" of the United States, and that it alone has the best interests of both our government and that of Carranza at heart.

The Mexican situation is vastly different from that of any other country with which our government has friendly relations. The government in Mexico, such as it is, owes its success against its enemies to the moral

support of the United States. Without the knowledge that President Wilson was opposed to the Huerta "usurpation," and in favor of the Carranza "succession," there would have been no Carranza government.

There is nothing in the attitude of our government which is hostile to the Mexican people, or even to the Carranza government. All that gives color to the cry of "Mexico next" is that everybody recognizes that a manifest injustice is being done our citizens, as well as those of Mexico, by the usurped power of Carranza, and because our government let it be understood that the only reason Carranza was not called to an account for some of his unjust acts was the prospect that we should be involved in the European war.

That war is now ended, and within a few months the peace treaties will be signed. The meaning of the "Mexico next" slogan is that now our government will be in a position to speak plainly to Carranza, not that any hostile act against Mexico is threatened or even contemplated. But we shall no longer permit the insolence of a petty satrap to annoy our people.

That the Mexicans themselves recognize the situation as it is, not as The Nation wishes it to appear, is evident from the editorial tone of the Mexican newspapers. They unite in declaring that there is certain to be a change, now that the American government's hands are no longer tied.

The Mexican people will welcome anything that will relieve them from oppression and abuse. That they are not content with the Carranza government is shown by the continuous revolt in many parts of the country. This is not mere banditry, as the Carranza government would have us believe, but is really an armed protest against the oppression of the Carranza soldiers and officers.

Our government is not in the position of threatening war, or of stating what will be the consequences of refusal to "clean house," but the situation is so well understood that, once we demand the redress of wrongs and the cessation of abuses, there will be a prompt and satisfactory response.

This is all that is meant by "Mexico next." Those in the border country who at one time demanded armed intervention in Mexico now see that it will not be necessary. When a man is in a position to demand, he rarely has to do more than suggest. And the Mexicans are now aware of our position as the strongest nation in the world.

Those who are familiar with conditions in Mexico know that the worst element in preventing a return to law and order was the German propagandist. It was to the interest of Germany that Mexico should be on the edge of war with this country. Not actually at war, for then Carranza would have expected physical aid from the kaiser.

But now that even the most ignorant Mexican knows that Germany was most thoroughly and disastrously whipped, there is little hope of aid from that quarter, and when we ask that present abuses be stopped there will be a prompt response.

The War Taxes the Nerve Energy of the Country

To win the war every energy of body and mind must be concentrated to the purpose. It will not do for you to become stale. If the necessary high rate of speed exhausts you, if you forget things and cannot sleep nights, if your digestion is impaired and you are irritated by small things, that is a sign your nervous system is breaking down, and it is time for you to take

SENSAPERSA

which will help rebuild the worn-out nerves and tissues, and put you in the front ranks. The properties of this blood tonic and nerve sedative should double your nerve health in ten days and you will be able to vigorously attack your daily problems with renewed strength and ability to resist the strain caused by the conditions of to-day. Two sizes, 50c, and \$1.00 at your Druggist or from City Drug Co.

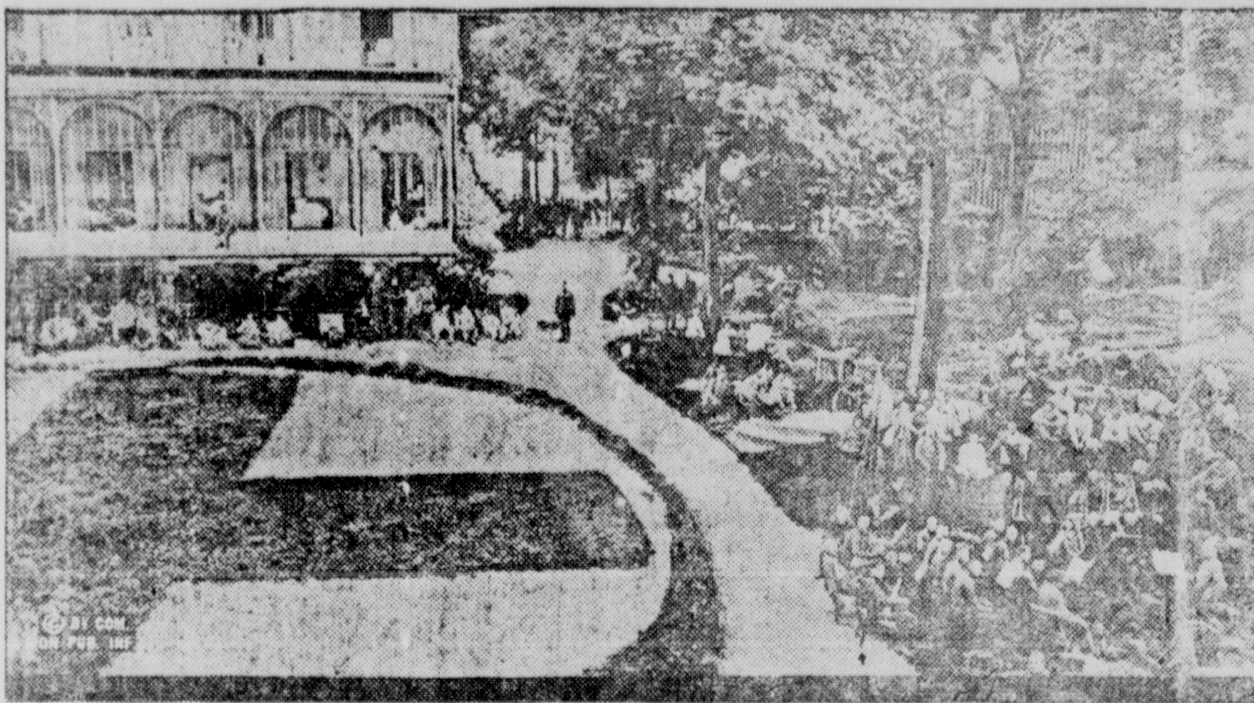
SEED DISTRIBUTION IS ON FROM TEXAS CONGRESSMEN

Number of Laredo People Yesterday Received Small Packets Containing Five Varieties of Seed.

The congressmen from the various districts of the country are now sending out vegetable seeds from the U. S. Department of Agriculture to the constituents of their districts whose names are on the list for these seeds and flower seeds each year. The distribution is being made at this time for the planting of spring gardens.

Among those who received the seeds yesterday there are many who will now prepare a little plot of ground in their backyard and get ready for a little spring garden of their own, preparing the soil within the next month and planting the seed about the latter part of February. The collection of seed sent The Times man consists of cucumbers, lettuce, muskmelon, onions and tomatoes of the best varieties.

HOTEL IN GERMANY USED BY U. S. AS HOSPITAL



This hotel, which is in German evacuated territory, is being used by the Americans as a hospital. It is being managed by the One Hundred and Thirty-eighth field hospital unit and the men are recuperating rapidly, being given plenty of air and sunshine. The One Hundred and Twenty-eighth field artillery regiment band is seen in the foreground entertaining the wounded.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

JANUARY 14.

James Couzens, who today takes office as mayor of Detroit, is a wealthy manufacturer, a director in several banks and industrial corporations, and one of the solid citizens of his community. Several years ago he decided to take an active interest in practical politics, not with a view to reaping any material reward, but because he felt it to be his duty as a citizen. In the course of time he became police commissioner of Detroit, in which position he endeavored to enforce the law in a manner that would help to make good citizens.

Mr. Couzens is a native of Canada. His education of a formal kind did not pass beyond the common school stage. The beginnings of his fortune came through association with Henry Ford and sharing in the growth of the business which Mr. Ford has built up.

KEPT HER AWAKE

The Terrible Pains in Back and Sides. Cardui Gave Relief.

Marksville, La.—Mrs. Alice Johnson, of this place, writes: "For one year I suffered with an awful misery in my back and sides. My left side was hurting me all the time. The misery was something awful.

I could not do anything, not even sleep at night. It kept me awake most of the night. . . . I took different medicines, but nothing did me any good or relieved me until I took Cardui. . . .

I was not able to do any of my work for one year and I got worse all the time, was confined to my bed off and on. I got so bad with my back that when I stooped down I was not able to straighten up again. . . . I decided I would try Cardui. . . . By time I had taken the entire bottle I was feeling pretty good and could straighten up and my pains were nearly all gone.

I shall always praise Cardui. I continued taking it until I was strong and well." If you suffer from pains due to female complaints, Cardui may be just what you need. Thousands of women who once suffered in this way now praise Cardui for their present good health. Give it a trial. NC-132

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS.

JANUARY 14.
Marquis of Lansdowne, veteran British statesman and colonial administrator, born 74 years ago today.

George F. Pearce, statesman and cabinet minister of the Australian Commonwealth, born in South Australia, 49 years ago today.

"Pierre Loti" (Captain Vland), famous French author and academician, born at Rochefort, 69 years ago today.

Richard F. Outcault, noted cartoonist and comic artist, born at Lancaster, O., 56 years ago today.

Benjamin B. Odell, former governor of New York, born at Newburgh, N. Y., 65 years ago today.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

MRS. LARSEN HAS GAINED 14 POUNDS

SAYS THE WAY TANLAC HELPED HER IS NOTHING SHORT OF WONDERFUL.

According to the testimony of multiplied thousands who have tried it there is nothing so well adapted to the needs of a run-down system as Tanlac, and in every case where a fair test of its powers is made another enthusiastic witness is the inevitable result. Recently in telling of the remarkable benefits she has derived from the medicine Mrs. Agnes Larsen, residing at 1438 South G Street, Tacoma, Washington, said:

"The way Tanlac has relieved me of my suffering and built me up is nothing short of wonderful. Why, I don't only feel like a new woman, but I have actually gained fourteen pounds in weight besides. I was in an awfully weak, run-down condition for two years and so nervous that the least little thing out of the ordinary would upset me. I suffered all the time with a pain across my kidneys, which was so bad at times, my back felt like it would break. I was very restless at night, and down at all hours, unable to sleep. I also suffered a great deal with dizziness and faint feelings, and was so weak that I could not get through with my housework without stopping several times to rest.

"One day I was telling a friend of mine how I felt, and she advised me to try Tanlac. So I got a bottle, and that was one of the best things I ever did. My husband, who was suffering a great deal with indigestion and gas on his stomach, commenced taking it the same time I did, and between us we took eight bottles, and are in splendid condition. His stomach is in such a good condition that he eats just anything and it all agrees with him fine. And as for me, it has built me up until I feel altogether different. My nerves are so much stronger and better that I can sleep all night long, and my appetite is just fine. I no longer have those weak, dizzy spells and the pain has left my back entirely. Both myself and husband think Tanlac is great, and if I ever feel my system getting rundown again I shall take more Tanlac because I know so well what it will do."

Tanlac is sold in Laredo by Windrow Drug Co. (Adv.)

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES.

JANUARY 14.
1697—Judge Sewall of Boston publicly confessed his error in the witchcraft trials.

1730—William Whipple, a Connecticut signer of the Declaration of Independence, born at Kittery, Me. Died at Portsmouth, N. H., Nov. 28, 1785.

1844—Hostilities between Yucatan and Mexico ended with the annexation of the first-named country to Mexico.

1858—Attempt on the lives of Napoleon III and Empress Eugenie by Orsini and others.

1875—King Alfonso XII entered Madrid to take up government.

1892—Cardinal Manning, the famous English convert to the Roman Catholic faith, died in London. Born July 15, 1808.

1894—Brazilian insurgents and Government forces fought an indecisive engagement in Rio harbor.

1915—French forced across the Aisne River by the Germans after a week's hard fighting.

1916—Fleet of Allied torpedo boats bombarded Turkish forts at Dardanelles.

1917—Captain Gabrielle d'Annunzio, the Italian poet, awarded the French War Cross.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Webb County.—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon M. A. Hernandez by making publication of this citation once each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 49th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in any newspaper published in the nearest district to said 49th judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the District court of Webb County to be held at the courthouse thereof, in Laredo, on the 6th Monday after the first Monday in February, the same being the 10th day of March, 1919, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 9th day of December, 1918, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 4874, wherein L. R. Ortiz is plaintiff and M. A. Hernandez is defendant, said petition alleging that the defendant, M. A. Hernandez, is a non-resident of the State of Texas and resides in the State of Coahuila, Republic of Mexico, and that on or about the 29th day of March, 1918, the said M. A. Hernandez made, executed and delivered to the plaintiff a certain promissory note for the sum of Two Thousand and Fifty Dollars (\$2500.00) bearing date on the day and year aforesaid, payable to the order of plaintiff at Laredo, Texas, and due the 29th day of June, 1918, bearing interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum from maturity until paid and providing for ten per cent additional on the amount of the principal and interest then due as attorney's fees if placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, whereby defendant became liable and bound to plaintiff and promised plaintiff to pay him the sum of money in said note specified together with all interest and attorney's fees due thereon according to the tenor and effect thereof.

That said note is now past due and unpaid and defendant, though often requested, has hitherto failed and refused, and still refuses to pay the same, or any part thereof, to plaintiff's damage in the sum of Twenty-six Hundred Dollars. Plaintiff further shows that defendant having failed to pay said note when due, he has been compelled to employ attorneys and placed said note in their hands for collection and has agreed to pay them for their services the attorney's fees in said note specified. Plaintiff further shows to the Court that the defendant is the owner of certain lots situated in the City of San Antonio, County of Bexar, State of Texas, known and described as lots Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14) in Block 38, New City Block 1866 in the Subdivision of Original City Lots Ten (10) and Eleven (11) Range 4, District 3 called "Laurel Heights," and that he is making and filing in this cause and affidavit for attachment to be issued and levied upon the property hereinabove described. Plaintiff prays for citation, judgment for his debt of \$2050.00, interest and attorney's fees, foreclosure, for costs of suit, and for such other and further relief, especial and general, in law and equity, to which he may be justly entitled.

Herein fail not but have you before said court on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness C. M. de la Garza, Clerk of the District Court of Webb County. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court in the City of Laredo, this the 23rd day of December, A. D. 1918.

C. M. DE LA GARZA, Clerk of Dist. Court of Webb Co.

TIMES WANT ADS.

Money Makers

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS NAMED AT MEETINGS TODAY

Milmo National Bank and Merchants State Bank Elected This Morning; Others Electing Today.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Milmo National Bank held this morning the following board of directors and officers to serve for the ensuing year were elected. Directors—M. T. Cogley, A. M. Bruni, Albert Urbahn, T. A. Austin and Louis J. Christen. The officers elected by the board of directors for the ensuing year were the following: M. T. Cogley, president; A. M. Bruni, vice-president; G. P. Farias, cashier; L. E. Bruni, Aloysius J. Notzon and Prinz Buttrn, assistant cashiers.

The stockholders of the Merchants State Bank & Trust Co. at their meeting this forenoon elected the following board of directors for the ensuing year: L. Villegas, B. G. Salinas, S. E. Garcia, A. G. Fierros and M. Ferrera Volpe. The directors re-elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year: L. Villegas, president; S. E. Garcia, vice-president; M. M. Garcia, cashier; I. G. Palacios, assistant cashier.

The stockholders of the Laredo National Bank and the First State Bank & Trust Co. are meeting this afternoon to select boards of directors and officers to serve for the ensuing year.

Notice to Auto Owners.

I have been authorized by the State Highway commission to receive license tax on automobiles for the year 1919 and parties desiring same can now secure them by calling at my office this date.

H. LIGARDE, Tax Collector. Laredo, Texas, Dec. 30, 1918. 12-30-30t.

SERGEANT SHINER LIKES THE DUCHY OF LUXEMBURG

Says It is a Beautiful Country and People are Quite Friendly, But He Longs to Get Back Home.

The Times is in receipt of a postcard from Sergeant Chas. C. Shiner, who is with his command now in Daun, Germany. The postcard shows a view of a street scene in Remich, Luxemburg, and contains the following message:

"Remich is the last town we occupied in the great little country of Luxemburg. Daun is about sixty miles from Coblenz. This Rhineland country is beautiful—reminds me of Colorado or California. The people are quite friendly as a whole. Hope you paper men start a campaign to get the N. A. and N. G. home tout-desuite. Best regards."

Card of Thanks.

Our appreciation of the sympathy and assistance of our friends and acquaintances during the illness and funeral of our beloved husband and father is deeper than words can express.

Mrs. James Wharton and children.

CABBAGE AND SPINACH MARKET JANUARY 13.

Chamber of Commerce. Laredo, Texas.

Saturday and Sunday, Austin four cars, consigned; fourteen Texas, Virginia; Chicago, \$1.50 to \$1.75; New York mostly \$2.00 to \$2.25. Others unchanged.

Stevens, Bureau Markets, Austin, 3:40 p. m.

Notice to Tax-Payers.

My office in the county court house is now open for the reception of assessments for the year 1919. Property owners will please call and render their holdings. Office hours: 9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 5 p. m.

B. J. LEYENDECKER, County Assessor. 1-2-30t.

Attention Elks.

Tonight is regular night of Laredo Lodge No. 1018 B. P. O. E., and a full attendance is urged. There will be initiation.

G. R. WEBER, Sec'y.

GRANDMOTHER KNEW

There Was Nothing So Good for Congestion and Colds as Mustard

But the old-fashioned mustard-plaster burned and blistered while it acted. Get the relief and help that mustard plasters gave, without the plaster and without the blister.

Musterole does it. It is a clean, white ointment, made with oil of mustard. It is scientifically prepared, so that it works wonders, and yet does not blister the tenderest skin.

Just massage Musterole in with the fingertips gently. See how quickly it brings relief—how speedily the pain disappears. Use Musterole for sore throat, bronchitis, tonsillitis, croup, stiff neck, asthma, neuralgia, headache, congestion, pleurisy, rheumatism, lumbago, pains and aches of the back or joints, sprains, sore muscles, bruises, chilblains, frosted feet, colds of the chest (it often prevents pneumonia), 30c and 60c jars; hospital size \$2.50.



CONSIDERING THE MATTER FROM ITS VARIOUS ANGLES

TRADE RELATIONS WITH MEXICO RECEIVING ATTENTION.

Matter is Being Studied By Laredo Chamber of Commerce to Base Suggestions for Request for Relief.

During the past few months there has been much anxiety and discussion about trade with Mexico, and especially about the retail and local trade with Nuevo Laredo by our merchants and those in our neighbor city across the river.

It was thought that a concert of action would be more productive of results than individual effort or complaint. For that reason the Chamber of Commerce has been making a careful study of individual complaints and local conditions, with a view of first ascertaining exactly what are the difficulties about which we want to ask for relief. Much information has already been developed which is being collated and will be submitted in proper form to the proper officials for action. As soon as the local situation is clearly set forth before the proper officials, the Chamber of Commerce expects to get an outline of the matters which need attention on the part of the merchants in a co-operative plan with the government to get relief, and at the same time provide the guarantees along certain lines, which the government is anxious to secure for some time to come.

It has already been discovered that many of the delays and troubles complained of, could be avoided to some extent at least, if the merchants will go after the business, instead of waiting for it to come over here. The ability of any merchant in good standing to secure a permit to go back and forth across the river, to promote local business, makes it possible to avoid any hardships concerning business within forty miles of the border. Investigation shows that less than a dozen of our merchants have availed themselves of securing these permits. Probably six or eight would cover the number. Then when some complications develop about some business transaction, they want to get a permit in half an hour and go across to protect their interests. Mr. Trout is willing to facilitate all these matters as much as possible and as far as consistent, but explains that when parties at interest wait until the last minute for something to happen, and then want to rush a jitney and get over, of course there are delays and disappointments. Hence it is suggested, that pending anything which may be done by the Chamber of Commerce, or any one else, the merchants and others at interest should see Mr. Trout of the Immigration Service at once, and provide themselves with necessary permits. Then when they want to take a rush trip over the river there is no reason for delay. Until our merchants avail themselves of this much of the relief already provided, it will be difficult to get the Department to grant more, on account of the showing of an unwillingness, or a neglect, to avail themselves of at least partial relief which is already available. Let our people all co-operate for the present, and get these permits, and make an aggressive campaign for business within the forty mile zone. This will develop the exact information for basing an appeal for a more extensive zone for the convenience of the Mexican people as well as those of our own district.

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WILL ASSUME NEW DUTIES AT LAMPAZOS WEDNESDAY

Former Immigration Interpreter Goes to Mexico to Take Position With American Exporting Firm.

George S. Coury, who recently resigned from the immigration service to accept a lucrative position in Mexico, leaves tomorrow for Lampazos, where he will make his headquarters with a big American firm engaged in the exportation of bat guano to the United States.

Mr. Coury will be in Laredo every few days in connection with the shipment of the guano, and Mrs. Coury will continue to make her home here at least for some time to come.

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Bermuda or Johnson grass or any kind of stump or sprout at one application and costs but a small sum to rid your farm of the dreaded pest and does not injure the land. See or phone me at the Hamilton Hotel interested until January 20th.

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**A FEATURE PLAY TOMORROW
AT THE ROYAL SHOWHOUSE**

Third Official War Film, "Under Four Flags," Will Be Presented at Popular Playhouse Tomorrow.

The Royal Theater has another treat in store for its patrons for tomorrow afternoon and night, when they will present the great feature play, "Under Four Flags," which is the third official war film released by the Committee on Public Information, the other two films having been shown here already by the Royal Theater.

In the play tomorrow you will see all the scenes filmed in France, Belgium and Italy by the U. S. Signal Corps, navy and allied photographers, showing the final battles that led to the downfall of imperialism; you will see Foch and Pershing at historic Versailles, a Yankee airman bringing down a German plane and also the battles of Chateau-Thierry and on the Piave. There is no doubt but that the Royal Theater will be crowded at all performances tomorrow afternoon and evening.

**DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS
WERE ELECTED YESTERDAY**

Laredo National Re-elected Directors and Officers; J. R. Fasnacht is New Assistant Cashier.

At the meeting of the stockholders of the Laredo National Bank held on yesterday afternoon the following board of directors were re-elected to serve for the ensuing year: J. K. Beretta, I. Alexander, J. R. Moore, S. V. Edwards, Dario Sanchez, A. W. Wilcox and B. M. Alexander. The board of directors then re-elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year: J. K. Beretta, president; B. M. Alexander, vice-president; Sam W. Brown, cashier; M. W. Brennan, A. L. Vidaurri and J. R. Fasnacht, assistant cashiers. The only change in the official staff of the bank is the election of J. R. Fasnacht as an assistant cashier. Mr. Fasnacht having been chief bookkeeper of the bank for a number of years.

At the meeting of the stockholders of the First State Bank & Trust Co. held on yesterday afternoon the following directors were re-elected: Colonel J. T. Haisell, Royle K. Mims and Y. Benavides; the holdover directors are R. A. Millar, T. C. Mann, Joseph Moser and P. B. Juarez. No officers were elected following the election of the board of directors, but it is understood that the present officers, R. K. Mims, president; Y. Benavides, vice-president, and L. A. Lafon, cashier, will be re-elected at a meeting to be held this week.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

JANUARY 15.

The Rev. W. H. P. Faunce, who is 60 years old today, is completing his twentieth year as president of Brown University. He is a direct descendant of Thomas Faunce who was ruling elder in Old Plymouth Church for 40 years and whose tombstone on Burying Hill, Plymouth, is one of the oldest in that ancient cemetery. Young Faunce was fitted for college in the public schools of Concord, N. H., and Lynn, Mass., and was graduated from Brown in 1880. Later he took a course at Newton Theological Seminary, and was ordained in 1884. For a number of years he occupied the pulpit of the fashionable Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, New York City. Prior to becoming president of Brown University Dr. Faunce was an instructor at Harvard and at the summer school of the University of Chicago.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS.

JANUARY 15.

Lieut. Gen. Robert L. Bullard, one of the chief commanders of the American forces in France, born in Alabama, 58 years ago today.

Crown Princess of Sweden, formerly Princess Margaret of Connaught, born 37 years ago today.

Virgil G. Hinshaw, for many years chairman of the Prohibition Party National Committee, born at Woolson, Iowa, 43 years ago today.

Dr. W. H. P. Faunce, president of Brown University, born at Worcester, Mass., 60 years ago today.

Elmore Y. Sarles, former governor of North Dakota, born in Juneau County, Wis., 60 years ago today.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Before using this preparation for a cough or cold you may wish to know what it has done for others. Mrs. O. Cook, Macon, Ill., writes, "I have found it gives the quickest relief of any cough remedy I have ever used." Mrs. James A. Knott, Chillicothe, Mo., says "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy cannot be beat for coughs and colds." H. J. Moore, Oval, Pa., says "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy on several occasions when I was suffering with a settled cold upon the chest and it has always brought about a cure."

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Wednesday.

The Parish Guild of Christ Church will meet at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. C. S. McKinney.

The Nopales Chapter of Camp Fire Girls will meet at the home of Mrs. J. A. Burnett at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon. This is a called meeting and all members are requested to be present.

There will be a dance at the Young Men's Hebrew Association Hall in the evening. The hostesses will be Mrs. I. Goodman and Mrs. B. Ifield.

Thursday.

The Married Ladies Social Club will be entertained at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon by Mrs. Robert McComb.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet at the residence of Mrs. Henry Borchers at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Perhaps.

Some day, when on exultant feet you come
Back through the streets that blossom at your tread.
My soul will thrill to hear the throbbing drum,
And yet, perhaps, I'll stand with drooping head;
Not caring, quite, to let you meet my gaze,
Not daring, quite, to look into your eyes—
Afraid, because a weary stretch of days,
Each one a million years, between us lies.

My heart? My heart is ever yours to hold,
And yet, while I have waited here for you—
You have seen faith betrayed and brave youth sold,
You have seen meadows drenched in bloody dew.
It may have changed you, and your eyes may be
A little harder when they look at me!

—Margaret E. Sangster.

General Mention.

Mrs. T. A. McVicar accompanied her husband and daughter as far as San Antonio, where she will visit friends for two weeks. Mr. McVicar and daughter are in their way to England.

Mrs. Clarence Jefferies, who is in charge of the Belgian Relief Work, has just given out the last of the garments to complete the quota from Laredo. She is being assisted in the work by a number of ladies. The box will be finished and packed for shipment by February 1.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Miller, who have been making their home with Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Thompson on the Heights for the past several months, will move to town this week.

Greetings have just been received from Mrs. R. C. Campbell, who writes that she is pleasantly located at Tucson, Arizona.

Mrs. M. L. Sielski left last night for Houston, in response to the news of the serious illness of her son, Mr. John S. Sielski, who had gone there on a short business trip and was taken ill with the influenza.

The many friends here of Mrs. H. W. Ellis, nee Miss Nannie Philpott, will be glad to know of her change of residence from Alice, Texas, to San Marcos, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Santos Mendez returned this morning to their home in Monterey after several weeks here.



A Surprise Box of Beauty

No matter what kind of powder you've used, Soul Kiss Face Powder will beautify the complexion beyond your fondest dreams.

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visiting at the home of Mrs. Mendez's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fidel Gonzalez. They were accompanied home by Miss Rosa Gonzalez and Miss Ofelia Garcia, who will visit them for a few weeks.

A Plea to Women.

Mrs. Hal W. Greer, as president of the Equal Suffrage Society of Laredo, urges the women of Laredo to pay their poll taxes this month. This is in compliance with an appeal from Mrs. Hortense Ward of Houston. Mrs. Greer at a recent meeting of the Equal Suffrage Society explained the necessity of this move. She has also urged it upon others, not members of the society.

Presbyterian Missionaries Here.

Six Presbyterian missionaries from various stations in Mexico are in the city and are holding a conference at the Presbyterian church, which will continue until Monday. Tonight at the Presbyterian prayer meeting they will conduct the services.

Junior Auxiliary.

The Junior Auxiliary of Christ Church held its regular weekly meeting yesterday afternoon at the Rectory. A short service was held in the church, a new hymn was learned and the story of Saint Boniface was told to the little members by Rev. Cook. At the conclusion of the services the remainder of the afternoon was spent at the Rectory, where the little girls worked on things for their missionary box, and the boys had a lesson in carpentry under the direction of Mr. Cook. Prizes were given to the large boys and the small boys, for sawing a straight line on a board. These were won by John Robert Fasnacht, who received a pencil and eraser, and Jack Puster, who was given a small leather pocket purse. Those present were Evelyn and Hunter Randolph, John Robert, Joe and Tessie Fasnacht, George, Horace, Robert, Elinor and Jack Kehl, Woody Bunn, George Anderson, Ralph Cook, Jack Puster, Ethel Puster, Elizabeth, Charline and Elinor Nye, Martha Anderson, Marjory Fish, Mary Cook and Anita Laue.

Missionary Meeting.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church held their regular meeting yesterday afternoon at the church. The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. J. K. Thompson. At the conclusion of the services there was the installation of officers for the new year. Mrs. J. A. Burnett was elected president; Mrs. C. H. Brient, first vice-president; Mrs. Paul Evans, second vice-president; Mrs. O. H. Guinn, recording secretary; Mrs. T. A. Bunn, corresponding secretary; Mrs. N. A. Miller, treasurer; Mrs. J. O. Buenz, assistant treasurer; superintendent of publicity and missions, Mrs. J. K. Thompson; superintendent of social service, Miss Mabel Byerly; superintendent of supplies, Mrs. W. H. Mims; organist, Mrs. P. A. Kerr. A letter of thanks from Mrs. Hal Greer, thanking the members of the society for their help in the Belgian Relief Work was read. Ten garments for the Red Cross were given out to be made. Those present were Mesdames W. L. Barr, J. A. Burnett, Shanks Brient, Miller, O. H. Guinn, J. H. Thompson, J. O. Buenz, and W. H. Mims.

Men's Brotherhood.

The Men's Brotherhood of the Creath Memorial Baptist Church met at the church at 6:30 last evening. Coffee and sandwiches were served to the twenty-two members present, followed by a thirty minute program of short and interesting speeches. Plans for the next meeting were made, and a program committee consisting of Lieutenant Clingenpeel and Rev. Beddoe, was appointed. Promptly at 7:30 the meeting adjourned to meet next Tuesday at the same place and time. Those present last evening were: Private Lewis H. Stafford, Rev. A. F. Beddoe, Sgt. Jas. W. Glasgow, D. Z. Windrow, J. G. Burr, Sgt. J. B. McGuffee, W. C. Beaman, C. H. Bell, Corp. Charles Mores, Corp. B. F. Collins, Sgt. C. P. Wheeler, J. G. Schneider, H. L. Guinn, J. E. Trout, Judge T. C. Mann, Judge C. M. Henry, Private J. E. Hand, Sgt. S. A. Lashbrook, C. E. Bergman, Bugler H. D. Taylor, D. P. Simmons, W. L. Guyler, Lieut. E. G. Clingenpeel.

Tuesday Music and Literary Club.

The Tuesday Music and Literary Club held their regular meeting yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Pierce Nye at four o'clock.

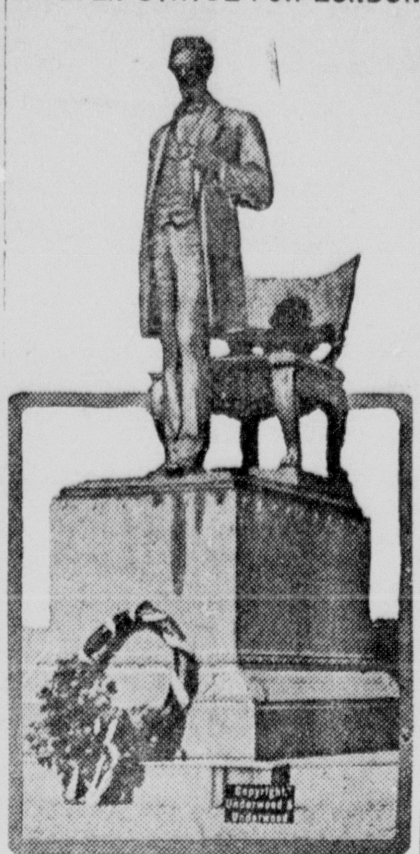
The early part of the meeting was devoted to business discussion. Roll call was responded to with current musical events. It was with the greatest regret that the club members heard the announcement that their president, Mrs. A. S. J. Tucker will leave shortly for San Diego, California. Mrs. Tucker's absence will create a vacancy not easily filled, as she has been not only the executive officer of the club during the past year, but its most gifted musician for a number of years.

A number of names for membership were brought up: Mrs. A. C. Richter who wished to be changed from active to associate membership; Miss Helen Richter, as an active membership, and Mrs. H. W. Johnston, as an associate member.

The subject of the Soldiers' Memorial was discussed and an article pertaining to the women of our allies was read by Mrs. Camp.

Miss Ethel Mackin was in charge of the musical program, among those

LINCOLN STATUE FOR LONDON



This is the Saint Gardens statue of Abraham Lincoln, in Lincoln park, Chicago, a duplicate of which will be erected in the Canning enclosure in Westminster, London. It will mark a century of peace between the United States and Great Britain. This statue has been chosen for reproduction after a rather violent controversy over the comparative merits of a figure by George Gray Barnard.

Regular Hours Now.

"Judge, he hasn't worked for about six months," testified an elderly woman in city court recently. She was testifying against her son, age seven, teen, who had been arrested on a charge of vagrancy.

"How does he spend his leisure time?" asked the prosecutor.

"Sleeping," was the reply.

When the boy took the stand he denied that he had been out of employment for six months and said his mother had erred as to the length of time, as the last work he did was "about four and one-half months ago."

"How many hours a day do you sleep?" asked Judge Pritchard, to which the defendant replied that he didn't sleep all the time but just when he felt like it.

"Ever been in jail?" said the judge.

"No."

"Well, they have regular hours over there and I believe regular hours save a few days' work on the roads, will do you good. I will fine you \$15 and costs, and you can lay it out in jail."—Indianapolis News.

FROM HERE AND THERE.

Over 20,000 French priests carried arms in the late war.

The Turks drink their coffee while it is boiling and swallow the grounds with the liquid.

In 1918 Minnesota produced a corn crop of 108,000,000 bushels, the largest in her history.

In Siberia the cold is so great in winter that milk is sold in cakes or bricks, varying in size.

President Poincare of the French Republic, who has signified an intention to visit America next summer, is paid a salary of \$120,000 a year.

Chinese thieves are compelled to perambulate the neighboring villages with a board, bearing an account of their offence fastened round their necks.

England has had but two great revolutions—those of 1649 (the great Civil War), and the milder one of 1688, when James II was forced to abdicate.

The smallest coin ever issued was the "mita." They were current in Asia Minor, and called "beggars' money," being chiefly used for almsgiving.

If placed in line three breast, the railroad locomotives and cars surrendered by the Germans under the terms of the armistice would reach from London to Paris.

contributing being Mrs. M. C. Culinan, who gave a vocal solo; Mrs. A. S. J. Tucker, who gave several instrumental selections, Miss Ethel Mackin, who gave a vocal solo, and Mary Kathryn Johnston, the little two-year daughter of Mrs. H. W. Johnston, who gave a number of vocal solos and who, upon suggestion of Mrs. Hal W. Greer, was named as mascot for the club. An article, entitled, "War in Song" was read by Mrs. Leon Daiches.

Upon motion of Mrs. Ifield, an expression of appreciation by the entire club was given the president, Mrs. Tucker, for her whole-hearted interest in the club during the trying months just past, to which Mrs. Tucker responded.

There was a good attendance.

Press Reporter.

Notice to Auto Owners.

I have been authorized by the State Highway commission to receive license tax on automobiles for the year 1919 and parties desiring same can now secure them by calling at my office this date.

H. LIGARDE,

Tax Collector.

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 30, 1918.

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**BELGIUM AND SERBIA DISSATISFIED WITH
DISCRIMINATION AS TO NUMBER DELEGATES**

Brazil Given Three Delegates, While Plucky Nations Who Bore Brunt of Battle are Only Given Two Each—Unfavorable Impression Caused by Action of Supreme War Council in Paris.

**WANT MARTIAL LAW
IN ARGENTINA NOW**

**SITUATION OUTSIDE CAPITAL IS
DISQUIETING AND TROOPS
ARE CALLED FOR.**

By Associated Press.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 15.—Martial law may become effective throughout the country if the senate acts favorably on a bill to that effect passed by the chamber of deputies yesterday. The bill provides that the military authorities be in control of the country for a period of thirty days. Five provinces have asked for troops. Government officials admit that reports from outside the city are disquieting and say that troops are necessary to control the situation.

Lima Strike Broken.

Lima, Peru, Jan. 15.—The situation brought about here by the declaration of a general strike Monday has improved and the authorities today are in control of the city. It is reported that a dozen strike leaders have been arrested and it is believed the backbone of the strike has been broken.

ELIAS HOWE CENTENARY.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.—One of the most interesting centenaries to be celebrated this year will be that of Elias Howe, inventor of the first practical sewing-machine, who was born in the town of Spencer, Mass., in 1819. With a natural aptitude for mechanics, Howe went to work in a machine-shop in Lowell in early manhood. In 1837 he removed to a shop in Cambridge, and soon after to one in Boston. While there he conceived the sewing-machine that made his name famous. He experimented continuously for five years, completing his first invention in 1846.

Prior patents for sewing-machines had been granted both in England and the United States. The earliest attempt at sewing by machinery of which there is any authentic record was in 1755, in which year a machine was patented in England by Charles F. Weisenthal. This was followed by an English patent dated July 17, 1790, granted to Thomas Saint. In the United States, in the years 1832 to 1834, Walter Hunt of New York built what was probably the first lockstitch machine. A few years later the first United States patent for a sewing-machine was granted to John Greenough. During the years 1834-4 four other patents were granted.

But the great epoch of the sewing-machine began with Elias Howe, whose machine was patented September 10, 1846. In this machine, the original model of which is on display in the National Museum in this city, a curved, eye-pointed needle was carried at the end of a pendant, vibrating lever which had a motion simulating that of a pickaxe in the hands of a laborer. The needle took its thread from spool above the lever, and the tension on the thread was produced by a spring brake whose semi-circular end bore upon the spool, the pressure being regulated by a vertical thumb screw. The work was held by a row of pins projecting from the edge of the thin metal "baster plate," to which an intermittent motion was given by the teeth of the pinion. Above and to one side of the baster plate was the shuttle race, through which the shuttle carrying the second thread was driven by two strikers, that were operated by two arms and came on the horizontal main shaft.

Although this machine bears little resemblance to the present day domestic or household sewing-machine, it embodied several elements that appear in a modified form in practically all modern lockstitch machine.

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**ONE YEAR AGO TODAY
IN THE WAR.**

JANUARY 15.

British Labor Party and the parliamentary committee of the Trades Union Congress supported the Russian principle of no annexations, no indemnities, and self-determination of populations.

By Associated Press.

Paris, Jan. 15.—While the appointment of delegates to the peace congress has not yet been officially made known, the list published after Monday's session of the supreme war council has caused an unfavorable impression among some of the missions, according to the French press. The Serbians and Belgians are notably dissatisfied with the giving of three delegates to Brazil while they are only permitted two each.

Two Differing Means.

Paris, Jan. 15.—With the resumption today of the meetings preliminary to the peace conference, it is apparent that the movement to create a league of nations is being carried out by two forces having the same object, but differing as to the means of making it effective. One of these represents the contention that the decisions of the league must be backed up by its combined physical force, while the other represents the view that its findings can be enforced without the aid of the common world as a police force.

To Employ Germans.

Paris, Jan. 15.—The cabinet de-

**ONLY SIX STATES
ARE NOW LACKING**

**THIRTY STATES HAVE RATIFIED
FEDERAL AMENDMENT FOR
THE PROHIBITION OF
LIQUOR.**

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Jan. 15.—Thirty state legislatures have ratified the federal amendment providing for the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of liquor, and final action is set for today in four more. Eighteen states have taken no action in the matter. Six additional are required to make up the three-fourths majority required to ratify the amendment.

Iowa and Colorado.

Chicago, Jan. 15.—The legislatures of Iowa and Colorado today ratified the federal prohibition amendment.

namely, a needle with an eye at the point, a shuttle adapted to pass through the needle loop and an automatic feed.

When Howe was granted his patent he found it extremely difficult to introduce his invention because of the opposition of the workers to labor-saving machinery. He went to England, hoping to introduce it there, but met with no better success than at home. When he returned to America he found his invention had been imitated by rivals and extensively introduced by parties who had money to advertise and showing the workings of the machine. After years of litigation Howe succeeded, with the aid of wealthy friends, in establishing the priority of his invention. When his patents expired in 1867 he had received in royalties from the sale of his machine no less than two million dollars.

Since Howe's day an average of more than 500 applications for patents relating to the sewing-machine have been filed each year in the United States Patent Office, of which an average of about 400 have been granted each year. They have dealt chiefly with improvements to existing machines. Of late years most attention has been devoted to the development of the "factory machine," at the expense of the domestic or household sewing-machine. This is accounted for largely by the rapid advance in the "women's wear" trade, which has resulted in annually increasing purchases of ready-to-wear apparel where formerly the garments were made in the homes on the domestic machine.

**ENDORSE WILSON'S
FOURTEEN POINTS**

**RESOLUTION IN TEXAS HOUSE
APPROVING PARTICULARLY
THE LEAGUE OF
NATIONS.**

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 15.—Endorsement of President Wilson's fourteen points as a basis for world peace and particularly the two points providing for a league of nations and the freedom of the seas, was brought up in the house soon after roll call today by Rep. Fly of Gonzales and others. A motion to refer the resolution to the committee on foreign relations was lost and debate on the resolution began.

Woman Suffrage.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 15.—A woman suffrage joint resolution was introduced in the senate today by Senator Dean and 19 others. It was referred to the committee on constitutional amendments.

EXPLOSION OF MOLASSES.

Boston, Jan. 15.—At least ten persons are known to have been killed by the explosion of a storage tank of molasses in the freight yard near Cuts wharf off Commercial street today. The explosion demolished several buildings, blew a freight car off the track and killed about a dozen horses.

cided today that German war prisoners henceforth should be employed in reconstruction work within the liberated districts. The measures adopted provide that a minimum of 200,000 will be working in the devastated regions by March 20.

No Bread in Petrograd.

Stockholm, Jan. 15.—Hunger riots occurred in Petrograd Saturday and Sunday, according to advices just received here. Ten thousand people paraded through the streets shouting for bread, and Bolshevik troops fired into the crowds. It is said that the crowds, desperate from hunger, requested the troops to fire. The despatches say there is not a single piece of bread to be found in Petrograd.

Hindenburg to Oppose Poles.

Copenhagen, Jan. 15.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg soon will take command of the German troops opposing Polish forces in eastern Germany, according to advices received here from Bromberg, a newspaper printed in the province of Posen.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

The Mississippi Valley and Foreign Export Trade Conference will conclude its sessions in New Orleans today.

Freight rate increases and other important problems are to be considered at the annual meeting of the Yellow Pine Wholesalers' Association to be held today in Cincinnati.

A large party of shoe and leather men from New England is to sail from New York today for a visit to the chief shoe and leather centers of Europe, the purpose of the trip being to enable the American manufacturers to become better acquainted with the tradesmen abroad.

A hearing is scheduled to be held today in the United States District Court in New York City on the application for permanent receivership for the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company and its subsidiary companies.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight cloudy; somewhat colder; freezing. Thursday generally fair.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:

Max. temp. 62 degs.
Min. temp. 32 degs.
General direction of wind: North-east.
Cloudy.

TREACHERY PUNISHED.

The people of Petrograd are reported as starving, there being no bread in that once prosperous capital, and the crowds in the streets are asking the Bolshevik troops to fire and end their sufferings.

This is the price the Russian people are paying for their treachery to the revolutionists who were betrayed into the hands of the Bolshevik leaders, Lenin and Trotsky. Not content with being freed from the tyranny of the absolute monarchy under which they had lived since the days of Ivan the Terrible, the Russians were swift to listen to the charge of treason against Kerensky and his followers, and they are now suffering the consequences of being too easily duped.

Ever since the accession of the Bolsheviks to power the condition of the Russians has been constantly growing worse. Not only have the rich suffered spoliation, but the poor have been robbed and prevented from securing the food they needed, while the middle classes are constantly facing annihilation.

And all because the Russians are either too cowardly or too well satisfied with conditions to rise against their oppressors and establish a government which will be for all, not for a small part of the population.

Even ignorance cannot excuse the Russians for their tame submission to the present (mis) government. Thousands have been publicly executed, thousands more have been shot down in the streets by the brutal Bolshevik guards, and hardly one has been free from oppression of one sort or another.

The bulk of the people are opposed to the Bolshevik government, and it would seem that there are enough Russians to attack their tyrants with their bare hands. But they have lost spirit, and they daily submit to abuses which they would have resented in the old days of the Romanoff domination.

Even the forces of the allies and the Americans have not been able to rouse the Russian people to an understanding of the situation, and but a comparatively small number have joined the forces which are fighting to liberate their country from the worst tyrants that Russia has ever seen.

Now that hunger has actually reached such a point that the people are desperate, what do they do? They ask the armed forces of their oppressors to kill them rather than starve them to death.

The situation is at present worse than in any other country at any previous period. Not even the Armenians and Syrians submitted to the Turks under milder forms of oppression. And was there any people in the past who so tamely submitted when they outnumbered their tyrants a thousand to one?

We are told that the Russian is a fatalist by nature; that he submits to the will of his rulers without complaint. But surely this was not the case when the frozen stopper of Siberia were peopled with exiles who dared to revolt against oppression.

If Russia is to hope for a future of peace and prosperity, the Russians must strike the first blow. Not the sort of blow that the people of Germany are striking, in which the innocent suffer while the guilty escape. But a blow at the corrupt Bolshevik leaders and their equally corrupt hirelings would be to the credit of the Russian people and would encourage the other nations in their belief that there is still hope for Russia; that the bear is aroused from his sleep of centuries and that Ivan is as deserving of freedom as Jacques Bonhomme.

At any rate, the present situation cannot last. When there is nothing left to steal and no people to govern, perhaps the Bolsheviks will move to other quarters. Either that, or the people will rise in their might and clean the atmosphere, which is vile after the presence of such double traitors as Lenin and Trotsky and others of that ilk.

AN ENVIALE RECORD.

It is stated that "Thirty-five of the 6,000 Y. M. C. A. workers in France and Belgium have been killed or died in service, and seventy-eight have been cited by the French and American governments." This is stated to offset the discovery that three out of the 6,000 have been accused of defection.

Naturally some people will make the most of the charges against the defaulters, as some minds can only see the evil in this world, and they will use the discovery of crookedness as proof that "all religious workers are hypocrites."

But the majority, while regretting that even the nature of the work they were doing could not keep some men straight, will rejoice that there was such a small percentage who turned out bad.

The Y. M. C. A. has done wonderful work. We have the testimony of the soldiers back from the fighting front as to that. And while the work of the Y. M. C. A. has in no sense been a strictly religious work, it has actually done more during the war to further the cause of religion than some of the churches have done.

The Y. M. C. A., for its own sake, has requested "the American military authorities to prosecute the cases

against these alleged criminals to the limit of the fullest penalty. And it would seem as if they deserved it, as they are reported to have confessed.

During the activity of the Y. M. C. A. in France, Belgium and Italy, the organization has handled millions of dollars contributed to its work, as well as millions more entrusted to its hands for transmission by the soldiers and their families. Up to the present the entire amount mishandled has been less than \$40,000 and all of this was taken by the three men now under charges.

This is a wonderful record of efficiency and of integrity. There are few banks in the world that have not lost a greater percentage of the money passing through their hands by dishonest employees. There is hardly an organization, charitable, religious or institutional, that has not suffered to a greater degree, proportionately, through the crookedness of some employee or some outsider.

It is safe to say that there is not a soldier in our army who would not trust his money in the hands of the Y. M. C. A., even though he may learn of this theft, for all know that the organization and its officials are beyond suspicion.

The discovery that three men have abused the confidence reposed in them will not alter the fact that the people of America have a complete trust in the great organization, and the fact that the soldiers have been cared for and helped by the representatives of the Red Triangle everywhere proves that the association's work was done faithfully and well.

So far as known, the only sufferer from the defalcation is the association itself, although the loss of \$40,000 would not be considered serious, and the money appears to have been almost entirely recovered.

If there are any opponents of the Y. M. C. A.—which really seems almost impossible, considering the good it has done—they will be prompt to take advantage of this occurrence to claim that the great organization is not exempt from crookedness any more than other associations.

But it is certain that any such attempts will recoil on the heads of those who make them. Any soldier who has seen service abroad; any soldier who has been in camp or cantonment or on the road to the seaports; any relative of a soldier who has received word from him during his service, can testify as to what the Y. M. C. A. really has meant and means to the soldiers.

It is an unfortunate thing that the three men who had an itching for other people's money chose the Y. M. C. A. as the agency through which to get it. But it has not hurt the Y. M. C. A., nor can it affect the work of the association in any way. Those who think twice will lay the blame where it belongs.

GREAT CHANGE IN WEATHER EXPERIENCED IN LAREDO

Yesterday Was the Limit as a Bad, Disagreeable Day; Today Is One of Those Ideal Spring Days.

After a day of genuine disagreeable weather, occasioned by the prevalence of a cool north wind, a drizzling rain and a heavily clouded sky, today dawned bright and beautiful, with the sun out in full force and not a cloud visible to mar the azure blue of the heavens. Many a person exclaimed this morning, "Oh what a change in twenty-four hours!"

After two or three days of bad weather, with the climax reached by the disagreeable conditions of yesterday, which was a dreary, wet, cool day, there was a rift in the clouds after midnight last night and by day-break there was not a cloud to be seen and the sunshine came out on time this morning. As a result today is more like a spring day than a mid-winter day.

While in this immediate section only a light, misting rain fell during yesterday and the night before, there were better rainfalls on some of the large ranches and the moisture will prove of inestimable value to the nutritious young grasses that are growing, while it is said that rain is still needed in some parts of the county to get the grasses started, there being a few places where the rainfall during the past few months has been very light or none at all.

INFLUENZA IS LIGHT HERE AND WITHOUT PNEUMONIA.

Some Other Places Are Experiencing a Heavier Death Rate From Influenza Than in First Epidemic.

While the recurrence of the influenza illness is proving more fatal than the first epidemic in many places in this and other states and the death rate from complications resulting in pneumonia is more pronounced than in the first instance, the cases of influenza that at this time prevail in Laredo are of a mild type compared to the cases that prevailed here during the epidemic in October that resulted in about 300 deaths.

There are a few cases of influenza in Laredo at this time, but so far no pneumonia has developed from the ailment that is known and it is believed that with the continuation of favorable weather conditions for a short time even the small number of cases now here will be decreased to the minimum and within a short time entirely cleared out.

END OF THE WAR CELEBRATED IN VLADIVOSTOK



One of the first photographs to reach this country showing the celebration of the signing of the armistice at Vladivostok, Siberia. All the soldiers from the allied armies that were in Vladivostok participated in the parade. This photograph shows the American forces headed by their own band.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS. TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS. TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES.

JANUARY 16.

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, who has gone to Paris as head of the Zionist delegation to the Peace Conference, is head of the Free Synagogue in New York City, and is much beloved for his work among the poor of Gotham. Rabbi Wise was born in Budapest, Hungary, in 1872. He received his preparatory education in New York City and was graduated from the Columbia College School of Arts in 1892. After varied activities in New York and on the Pacific Coast he accepted a call to head the Free Synagogue, in New York, and has since exercised much influence in social, civic and religious affairs. Since the commencement of the European war he has been indefatigable in his efforts to relieve the Jewish sufferers in Palestine and elsewhere.

Maj. Gen. Beaumont B. Buck, U. S. A., who was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for gallantry in action, born in Mississippi, 59 years ago today.

Rear Admiral Charles D. Sigsbee, U. S. N., retired, who commanded the battleship Maine when she was destroyed at Havana, born at Albany, N. Y., 74 years ago today.

Henry Fielding Dickens, K. C., sixth son of the famous novelist, Charles Dickens, born 70 years ago today.

William M. Jardine, president of Kansas State Agricultural College, born in Oneida County, Idaho, 40 years ago today.

Prof. Elwood Mead, a world figure in irrigation science, born at Patriot, Ind., 61 years ago today.

Charles A. Stone, president of the American International Shipbuilding Corporation, born at Newton, Mass., 52 years ago today.

1815—Lady Hamilton, the intimate friend of Admiral Nelson, died at Calais, France. Born in England in 1765.

1838—Lord Durham was appointed Governor-General of Canada with special powers for dealing with rebellion.

1872—Railway communication was established between Turkey and central and western Europe.

1884—Alfred Tennyson, Poet Laureate, was raised to the peerage.

1894—Many killed and injured in fighting between Italian troops and anarchists at Carrara.

1902—Turkey granted permission for the building of a German railway across Asia Minor to the Persian Gulf.

1915—British took Swakopmund, German West Africa, from the Teutons.

1916—Germans for first time reported fighting side by side with Turks in Persia.

1917—Crown council of Greece decided to accept Allied demands without reserve.

Life Was a Misery

Mrs. F. M. Jones, of Palmer, Okla., writes: "From the time I entered into womanhood . . . I looked with dread from one month to the next. I suffered with my back and bearing-down pain, until life to me was a misery. I would think I could not endure the pain any longer, and I gradually got worse. . . Nothing seemed to help me until, one day, . . . I decided to

TAKE

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

"I took four bottles," Mrs. Jones goes on to say, "and was not only greatly relieved, but can truthfully say that I have not a pain."

"It has now been two years since I took Cardui, and I am still in good health. . . I would advise any woman or girl to use Cardui who is a sufferer from any female trouble."

If you suffer pain caused from womanly trouble, or if you feel the need of a good strengthening tonic to build up your run-down system, take the advice of Mrs. Jones. Try Cardui. It helped her. We believe it will help you.

All Druggists

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ANOTHER BIG TIME ON SUNDAY DURING THE BIG GYMKHANA

SOLDIERS HAVE AN INTERESTING PROGRAM MAPPED OUT.

There Will Be Events Pulled Off There That Will Remind One of the Games of Childhood Days.

The poorest joke in the world—from the standpoint of the victim—is, or was, that ancient favorite of wetting the clothing of an innocent friend while said innocent friend was in the swimming-hole, and tying the clothing in hard knots.

That is nothing, as far as the exasperation of the victim is concerned, compared with the things that will happen during the "fatigue-clothes" race at Fort McIntosh Sunday afternoon. That race will be one of the features of the second of the weekly gymkhanas at the post.

The contestants will each turn over their fatigue uniform to the judges—don't get nervous; they keep on their service uniform all the time—and the fatigue clothes will be mixed up in one apparently hopeless jungle. Then, from a distance of 50 yards, at the command "Go!", the contestants will make flying leaps for the pile, each trying to get his own clothes. If each happens to lay his hands on his own clothes the very first thing—an impossibility, of course—the real fun of the race is lost. For as fast as a man picks up an article which doesn't belong to him, he throws it as far as he can. Then he may smile, but he must inject into that smile the sensation caused by knowledge that simultaneously someone else is doing some of his clothes in exactly the same way.

That's merely one of the fun-makers. There'll be more and better thrills than were shown last week, according to the announcement of events made last night by Lieut. Col. Crimmins.

Residents of Laredo may participate in any of the events, provided they furnish their own mounts in case they desire to take part in the mounted events.

Here is the remainder of the program, briefly:

Foot rescue race, in which the contestants crawl or otherwise cover 150, keeping behind anything that will protect them from sight to the front, rise and pick up a man, supposedly wounded, and return with him to the starting point. The man who keeps under cover best and gets back soonest with his "wounded" man, wins.

Mounted wrestling contest. Three rings; last man to touch the ground wins in each ring; final winner selected by elimination.

Obstacle race. Contestants, on foot, run 50 yards and eat a cracker; run another 50 and drink a bottle of soda pop, spilling none; run 100 yards, go through a barrel and finish with 50 yards more of running.

Officers' saddling contest. Officers will start bareback, ride the length of the course, dismount and saddle, remount and return, taking the jumps both ways. Proper saddling will count in getting at the decision.

Relay race on foot. Teams of eight men; distance about 600 yards. "Saturday-to-Monday" race. Contestants start with suitcase, containing night-shirt. Ride the course, taking the jumps; dismount; take out and don the night-shirt; remount and return over the jumps. Night-shirts will not be guaranteed to fit.

Ammunition carrying contest. Proposed by Lieut. Col. Crimmins to test a scheme he has worked out to help solve the problem of keeping machine guns supplied with ammunition. His method will be contested by a man from the Machine Gun Company of the Thirty-seventh Infantry, using the method of carrying ammunition now in vogue.

Liaison race. Messages, both verbal and written, by runner and signal. Football race. Contestants, riding bareback will go length of course, pick up football and return.

Equipment race. Contestants will first have their cartridge belts, canteens and hats placed on the course ahead of them. Will ride the length of the course, and the first man back with all three articles in proper position wins.

Dismounted tug-of-war. Between teams of eight men. Mounted rescue race. Contestants will go length of course over jumps, bareback, pick up dummy figure and return, avoiding jumps.

Mule relay race. Contestants will ride mules bareback, length of course, dismount and turn mule over to partner, who will return. No jumps.

Notice to Auto Owners.

I have been authorized by the State Highway commission to receive license tax on automobiles for the year 1919 and parties desiring same can now secure them by calling at my office this date.

H. LIGARDE, Tax Collector. Laredo, Texas, Dec. 30, 1918.

12:30-3:00.

Joints that ache, muscles that are drawn or contracted should be treated with BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It penetrates to the spot where it is needed and relieves suffering. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

PROMOTING RETAIL TRADE WITH MEXICAN REPUBLIC

LAREDO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ACTIVE IN THE MATTER.

Working Promote Retail Trade With Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, Which is Within the Forty-Mile Zone.

In order that the Chamber of Commerce might act intelligently in reference to promoting the retail trade relations of our merchants with those of Nuevo Laredo and Mexico within the forty mile zone, as is authorized under the present permit regulations, the Chamber has made some investigations and finds surprising facts which should be known to all the retail merchants. There has never been any reliable information heretofore as to what the retail business into the city across the river amounted to, as a basis for governmental regulations, and hence the War Trade Board undertook the method of requiring manifests for the merchandise taken over, in order that some basis might be determined for intelligently modifying future regulations, if any. These manifests have been put into effect through the customs officers at the bridge on and after December first.

A compilation of data from these manifests teaches a number of lessons. In the first place for the first ten days from Dec. 1st to 10th inclusive, the total sales show an amount of approximately twelve thousand dollars. For the period of Dec. 11th to 20th inclusive, these same sales approximate \$19,200.00, or an increase of more than \$7,000.00 for the ten day period. That does not appear to be hampering the increase of retail trade relations with our neighbors. The data for the next two periods are not yet available, as Miss Devine stated that they were so crowded with work that they could not keep up with the rush of new retail business going into Mexico. As soon as further data on the increase of retail business into Mexico are available, they will be given to the public for study and comparison. In the meantime some merchants are alive to their opportunities and going after this business despite the temporary inconvenience of writing a manifest for their customers, to enable them to take their purchases over the river.

It also develops that the principal portion of the merchandise being taken over runs in well defined groups. For example: Shoes constituted approximately \$3,151.00 of the ten day period. Manufactured cotton goods, \$6,496.00; Lard, \$834.00; Sugar, \$662.00; Wheat flour, meals, etc., \$928.00; Soap, \$361.00; Manufactured silks, \$377.00; Hardware, \$382.00 and Bread and crackers, \$101.00. It is evident therefore from the bread and cracker showing, that the bread line customers are not the largest customers for this retail business. The showing also is that but a few merchants are pushing this retail trade and are facilitating their customers business, and reaping this harvest, while other merchants are satisfied to sit idly by, apparently, and complain about the inconvenience of writing manifests, or waiting for business to come to them. Whether the live wide awake merchant is not quite well satisfied to allow his competitor to take out his share of the business in complaining, while he does the actual business, is perhaps another question.

For one of the ten day periods, there were about 3,800 manifests all told for all articles. That means about 380 per day. Out of the list of about a hundred merchants in Laredo who want to do a retail business in Nuevo Laredo, this would mean an average of less than four manifests per day. Evidently only a few merchants are getting this business by their aggressive business methods and willingness to help their trade, while the Chamber of Commerce is trying to get relief from hardships of which they complain. The Chamber is getting all data so that they can determine just what matters they have a right, in the best interests of our merchants and our government, to ask for. When they get all the facts, they will have an argument to present which will secure results. But in the meantime the merchants should show proper co-operation under existing conditions.

THE MEMORIAL FUND.

To the Publicity Chairman of the Women's Clubs:

What personally appeals to me as a most nearly fitting monument to our fallen heroes, is a building to be named THE MEMORIAL BUILDING. To consist of a large auditorium for general public use and a room fitted and furnished for the EXCLUSIVE use of the men who return, where they can meet in the organization which they will surely form in future years; where they may meet at any time and feel at home, read, write and visit, hold conferences and remember the comrades who have gone before.

Library, gymnasium, baths, etc., should be included if sufficient funds are secured. But first, last and all the time let it be a MEMORIAL BUILDING.

R. A. MILLAR.

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INVESTIGATIONS PROGRESS PROMOTION MEXICAN TRADE

Chamber of Commerce is Busily Engaged in the Matter and Good Results Are Being Brought Out.

The Chamber of Commerce Committee has gotten data on the War Trade Board regulations as to the retail business of this district, and finds that this board is releasing many commodities, almost daily, from the restricted lists. There is hardly any commodity which is a necessity which cannot be arranged for under proper regulations, provided the merchants will merely call at the local office, with Mr. Williams in charge, and he is only too glad to render service and explain how all the details pertaining to the retail business of this port may be facilitated.

If the rate of taking commodities off the conservation lists keeps on, there will practically be nothing that our merchants want to sell locally, which cannot be taken over, provided they will take the time to merely write a manifest of the sales to their customers, pending such a time as the Chamber may secure further releases of even this regulation. This has been asked for, but in the meantime our merchants will do well to understand also what value it means to this port as a business showing, to get the data which are being revealed by the study of these manifests. These apply only on retail trade from ten dollars down. From ten dollars up of course an export license is required from the customs collectors office, while the manifest is passed on and accepted at the foot bridge, without the necessity of going to the Federal building offices. On the basis of the first twenty days showing of \$31,200.00 it figures that the customs office reports will show probably not less than three quarters of a million, to a million dollars more exports through this office. That means more help and better facilities for this customs office, and much good will probably result in that manner.

The War Trade Board is refusing nothing even now, except those items which every loyal American does not want to see too free a movement on just yet. From an inspection of the list, there are few items which may later be freely taken over, which cannot now be arranged for by proper reports and application to our local authorities. In this connection it appears that the officers of the government stationed here, have only the best interests of Laredo at heart, and they can do a great deal more for us by proper co-operation, than by unreasonable and untimely demands. The Chamber of Commerce has asked for all the modifications which can be gracefully and speedily given. In the meantime the merchants should show the same spirit of business enterprise, and go after the trade and have their organization perfected and in working order, to make the best and quickest use of any changes in regulations. Those who do this are certain to be the winners, because those who wait until it is time to start certain modifications may be secured, are certain to be left at the post by those more alert, and now getting everything in working order.

LOCAL NEWS

—A telegram was received by P. P. Leyendecker this morning from his son, Lieut. P. P. Leyendecker Jr., stating that he had arrived safely at Baltimore, but that he will have to return to France.

—Again a predicted freeze failed to materialize this morning and The Times does not believe that anyone is worrying over the failure. There will be enough of cold weather before the season is over to worry about any little cold snap that fails to show up when called for these days by the weather man. Old February is liable to bring enough cold—and then some.

—The Laredo Chamber of Commerce is agitating the movement to go after the Mexican trade before some other place cops the business. During the days of a few years ago when peace prevailed throughout Mexico and conditions were prosperous in that country Laredo got a good share of Mexico business and by co-operating with the Chamber of Commerce at this time those conditions will prevail again.

—By the first of February the plans and specifications for the proposed sanitary sewerage system will be in the hands of Mayor McComb to be submitted to the city council for consideration. If the plans are approved then the next thing in order will be the calling of a special election at which bonds necessary to construct the sewerage system will be voted on and carried.

—The statements of the four banks of Laredo, showing their conditions at the close of business on December 31, may be taken as a criterion of the prosperous condition of Laredo at this time. No city its size in Texas can show better conditions than this city, judging from the auspicious reports made by the banks to the comptroller of the currency.



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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Friday.
The Lone Star Blue Birds will meet at the home of Mrs. A. Poggenpohl at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Swastika Chapter of Camp Fire Girls will meet at 4 o'clock in the afternoon at the home of Miss Belya Bergman.

The Boy Scouts of Troop No. 1 will hold their regular weekly meeting in the League Room at the Methodist Church in the evening.

The Boy Scouts of Troop No. 2 will meet at their headquarters hall at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Saturday.
There will be a meeting of the Home Garden Club at Market Hall in the afternoon at 3 o'clock.

What does it mean—this Flag of ours—

Its Stars and its Red, White and Blue?

When, all ablaze, it greets the eye
And turns to kiss the sun and sky—
What does our Flag mean to you?
What does it mean to me and you?

This Flag of ours—with Stars of White—
Chasing away the gloom of night—
Hailing the morn, with welcome bright,
Hating darkness and loving light—
What does our Flag mean to you?
What does it mean to me and you?

The Red of youth—that knows no fear—
The White of truth—that crystal clear—
The Blue of courage, from on high,
The whole, for what men gladly die—
That's what our Flag means to you.
That's what it means to me and you.

A "tawdry rag"—Who dares defy
Our mighty Flag, of Stars and Sky?
The White of Paine—the Red of Blood—
Shed to make safe our brotherhood—
That's what our Flag means to you.
That's what it means to me and you.

Our splendid Flag—Red, White and Blue—
Our glorious Flag—or wondrous hue—
Ever for Right and all that's True,
It stands on guard—for me and you.
That's what our Flag means to you.
That's what it means to me and you.

—Joseph D. Baucus in Springfield Republican.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ellworth of San Antonio arrived in the city this morning to see their sick son, Mr. Leslie Ellworth. They are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McComb.

Mrs. W. A. Kerr, who has been the guest of her sisters, Mrs. O. C. Ulmer and Mrs. Bettie Atlee, for the past few days left, last night for her home in Cotulla.

Mrs. White of Pearsall arrived in the city on Wednesday and is the guest of Judge and Mrs. S. T. Phelps.

Lieutenant George C. Hodges, who has been stationed at Camp McArthur, Waco, for the past several months, returned home last night to visit his mother.

Mrs. C. N. Brintnell and little son Edwin, of Topeka, Kansas, who have been the guests of Mrs. E. F. Hamilton and family for the past six weeks, left for their home last night.

Dr. H. C. Hall arrived in the city yesterday morning from Austin.

Mrs. E. F. Hamilton left last night for College Station to visit her son, Kenneth Hamilton, who is attending school there.

Miss Refugio Jimenez received a letter yesterday from national headquarters of the Red Cross in Washington, D. C., in regard to her brother, Pvt. Jesus Jimenez, who was wounded in France during the recent fighting of the American forces and is now convalescing at Base Hospital No. 48, Mars, France. The following extract was taken from that letter and will be of interest to many friends of his in Laredo: "We regret extremely to tell you that he has had to have his left leg amputated, but you must know that this was only done to save his life, and the operation was very successful, for we are told that he is now doing well and his condition is improving steadily. He is in good spirits," and the report adds "in great contrast to his previous condition. So, you see the loss of his leg is not making him downhearted, and we know you, too, will be encouraged in hearing this news, for he is undoubtedly going to get well again."

Missionary Society.
The Ladies Aid Society of the Pres-

byterian Church held an interesting meeting yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Henry Borchers. After a short business session, one new member joined the society. Miss Lee, Miss McClellan and Mrs. Ross, missionaries from Mexico, gave interesting talks on their work in the Republic. Rev. Wharton accompanied by Messrs. Ross and Morrow (who are among the missionaries from Mexico holding a convention in Laredo this week) came in at the close of the meeting. A pleasant social hour was enjoyed and the hostess served a delicious salad course and chocolate and cake. Those present were Mesdames Borchers, Lattig, Ross, Earnest, A. E. McCulloch, Butler, Pratt, Sutton, Hopkins, Wharton, H. M. Austin, Miss Lee, Miss Box, and Miss McClellan, Rev. L. H. Wharton, Messrs. Ross and Morrow.

Entertainment.
Mrs. Robert McComb entertained the members of the Married Ladies Social Club yesterday afternoon with an attractive party. After a delightful series of games of bridge were played the club prize went to Mrs. C. M. Fish and the guest prize to Mrs. Frank Higgins, both being pieces of dainty lingerie and dresser scarfs. At the conclusion of the games a two-course luncheon was served. Those who enjoyed the gracious hospitality of the afternoon were, club members: Mesdames T. A. Austin, Cogley, Barlow, Huberich, Fish, Brewster, Johnston, Vidales, Christen, Woodman, Young, Weber, and Davis. The guests included Mesdames Chester Burbank, Hamlin, L. Poggenpohl, Pinder, Greer, Higgins, Wilson, Joseph, Jones, Kennedy, Hall, Mally, Ryan, and Mims. Mrs. McComb was assisted by her daughters, Mrs. L. J. Christen and Chester Burbank in entertaining her guests.

Dance.
A very delightful dance was given last evening at the Woman's Club for the soldier boys and their friends. Good music made dancing exceedingly pleasant. The hostesses of the evening were Mesdames Tarver and Maria Diaz.

Jewish Soldiers' Dance.
Despite the inclement weather there was quite a large crowd to enjoy the dance Wednesday night at the Jewish Welfare Hall. The hostesses were Mrs. I. Goodman and Mrs. B. Hield.

To Help the Needy.
All residents of the Heights are requested not to contribute to beggars personally, but to secure names and addresses and send in to Mrs. Chas. Dentz, who is joint treasurer of the Heights Civic Club and the Child Welfare fund for this purpose. Both clothing and money will be gladly received and small sums paid monthly will be especially acceptable. Each case is thoroughly investigated. Quite a number of children must be clothed and kept in school this winter, or they will, through necessity, become professional beggars. Some exceedingly bright and promising children are in this class. Please give us your co-operation. It may take a little more time to secure names and addresses than it would to sling a few pennies, but results will justify the extra exertion.

Cured at a Cost of 25 Cents.
"Eight years ago when we first moved to Mattoon, I was a great sufferer from indigestion and constipation," writes Mrs. Robert Allison, Mattoon, Ill. "I had frequent headaches and dizzy spells, and there was a feeling like a heavy weight pressing on my stomach and chest all the time. I felt miserable. Every morsel of food distressed me. I could not rest at night and felt tired and worn out all the time. One bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets cured me and I have since felt like a different person."

PERSONALS
T. W. Larkin of the Orange-Crush Company of Chicago is a visitor in the city.

M. B. Pletz of San Antonio is in the city in the interest of the Wortham Shows and will be here a few days.

Miss Bessie Moore left today for San Antonio on business and expects to return Monday.

WHAT'S THE USE?
Judge—The police say that you and your wife had some words.
Prisoner—I had some, but didn't get a chance to use them.—Puck.

Chamberlain's Tablets.
When you are troubled with indigestion or constipation, take Chamberlain's Tablets. They strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its function naturally. Indigestion is usually accompanied by constipation and is aggravated by it. Chamberlain's Tablets cause a gentle movement of the bowels, relieving the constipated condition.

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FROM HERE AND THERE.

Thirty Canadian soldiers have won the Victoria Cross.

More than half the cost of building a battleship goes in wages.

In Brazil there is no "middle-class." The people are either rich or poor.

For each fatality in the British Naval Airship Service during the late war 42,548 miles were flown.

The name "sapphire" is usually restricted to the blue variety, but there are also red, green, white, violet and yellow sapphires.

King George possesses an interesting collection of relics from every war in which British soldiers have fought since the early days of Queen Victoria.

The records of the great war show that only one wound in ten was the result of a direct hit. Most casualties were from shrapnel, splinters, and spent shots.

Macintosh, lynch, macadam, shrapnel, maxin, guillotine, brougham, and victoria are all examples of surnames becoming dictionary words of the commonest kind.

Sir Walter Scott threw the first draft of "The Lady of the Last Minstrel" into the fire, and was only persuaded to rewrite it from memory by two friends to whom he had formerly read it.

Investigation by medical scientists has established the fact that very few of man's disease microbes infect animals, while, on the other hand, the diseases of animals are rarely communicable to man.

From 1339 to 1471 Eng'land knew only nine years of peace. Yet the total casualties in this long period of conflict was probably exceeded in a single one of the gigantic battles of the past four years.

The largest grand total of children borne by one wife seems to be sixty-two. This record is set to the credit of the wife of a poor weaver in Scotland, who bore her husband forty-six boys and four girls who grew to manhood and womanhood, and a dozen others who died ere reaching their prime.

When, in 1429, Joan of Arc raised the siege of Orleans, the English did not think much of their failure to take the city. They held more than half France in their grip, and for fourteen years had carried all before them. Yet it turned out that their last real chance of conquering France was lost at Orleans, though they were not finally driven from the land until 1452.

TWICE PROVEN.

If you suffer backache, sleepless nights, tired, dull days and distressing urinary disorders, don't experiment. Read this twice-told testimony. It's Laredo evidence—doubly proven.

John Beyett, says: "I was badly afflicted with a lame back and a dull ache over my kidneys, when standing. I had difficulty in passing the kidney secretions too, and felt depressed and lacked energy. A friend of mine told me about Doan's Kidney Pills, praising them so highly that I got some at Bruhl's Drug Store. I was pleased with the quick results Doan's gave me. This medicine removed the frequent headaches and bladder trouble and the lameness in my back soon left."

SEVEN YEARS LATER Mr. Beyett said: "I can recommend Doan's Kidney Pills as highly today as I did years ago. I haven't had any kidney trouble during the last few years and I give Doan's the credit for this."

60c. at all dealers. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

FIXED IT ALL RIGHT.

Mistress—Why don't you bring in the plum pudding, Jane?
Jane (exultingly)—We couldn't get the brandy to light, mum; but it's all right now; we poured a little paraffin over it.

The German navy had its beginning just fifty years ago, in 1869, when Prussia established her first naval base on the North Sea.

QUICK RELIEF FROM CONSTIPATION
Get Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets

That is the joyful cry of thousands since Dr. Edwards produced Olive Tablets, the substitute for calomel.

Dr. Edwards, a practicing physician for 17 years and calomel's old-time enemy, discovered the formula for Olive Tablets while treating patients for chronic constipation and torpid livers.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets do not contain calomel, but a healing, soothing vegetable laxative.

No gripping is the "keynote" of these little sugar-coated, olive-colored tablets. They cause the bowels and liver to act normally. They never force them to unnatural action.

If you have a "dark brown mouth" now and then—a bad breath—a dull, tired feeling—sick headache—torpid liver and are constipated, you'll find quick, sure and only pleasant results from one or two little Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets at bedtime.

Thousands take one or two every night just to keep right. Try them. 10c and 25c per box. All druggists.

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MAY MODIFY POSITION AS TO PUBLICITY OF THE PEACE CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Senator Borah Protests Against Secrecy at Peace Conference and Asks If Wilson's Point for Open Diplomacy is to be Discarded—League of Free Nations Cabled Protest to President.

PREACHER TO BE TRIED ON MURDER CHARGE.

Saco, Me., Jan. 17.—The district attorney and his assistants have about completed all preliminary work in connection with the trial of Henry H. Hall, a Baptist preacher, who will be arraigned in three supreme court here one week from next Monday to be tried under an indictment charging him with having murdered his wife, Mrs. Minnie O. Stevens Hall.

The former preacher, who has been confined in jail since the early part of last August, continues to protest his innocence of the charge against him and declares he is impatient for the trial to begin, as he will welcome the opportunity to prove that he is not guilty.

The evidence against Hall is circumstantial, as there were no known eyewitnesses to the alleged crime. Nevertheless, the State believes it has an unusually strong case against the accused preacher and that he will not be able to extricate himself from the net of evidence gathered by the detectives during the past few months in readiness for presentation at the trial.

Love for other women, so great that it made life with his wife intolerable, was the motive, the State alleges, which prompted Hall to commit the crime of which he stands accused. Two sisters in particular, both young and pretty, are specifically named in the case. The names of other women have been hinted, and by hospital records the State claims to have established the fact that Hall's life has been a series of love affairs.

Although June 11, 1918, was the date of the alleged murder, Hall was not arrested until two months later. At first the preacher's story that his wife had been the victim of an accident was generally believed, but village gossip aroused the suspicions of the authorities, with the result that an investigation was started and sufficient evidence unearthed to bring about the arrest and indictment of the suspected husband.

Hall, though not an ordained minister, had filled Baptist pulpits in a number of towns and villages in this section of Maine. In the early part of last summer he was serving as pastor of the Union Baptist Church in the town of Wells. It was on the outskirts of the town that the body of Mrs. Hall, with life not yet extinct, was found on the night of June 11 last. The woman was rushed to a hospital in Biddeford, where she died a few hours later without having regained consciousness.

Hall declares that his wife, while standing with him on a railroad trestle crossing Little River, fainted and fell headlong into the stream, 13 feet below, receiving the injuries which proved fatal.

The authorities contend that the preacher pushed his wife from the trestle, and in substantiation of such allegation point to the fact that, while Hall claimed his wife fell into that part of the stream directly beneath the bridge and where water barely two inches in depth was flowing at the time, the body, when discovered, gave evidence of having been wholly immersed. Moreover, it is contended by the State, the woman's injuries were not compatible with a "fall." They were of an extent, it is claimed, that could have resulted only from a beating. The woman when found was suffering from a fractured skull, fractured arms and many severe bruises.

Notwithstanding the evidence which the prosecution claims to have against Hall, there are many persons in the town of Wells, especially the women members of his former flock, who believe the preacher is the victim of circumstantial evidence and that the coming trial will prove his innocence of the crime charged against him. During his long confinement in jail Hall has received visits from many of his former parishioners, also from other ministers of Wells and other towns where he was known, and all of whom express confidence that he will be acquitted of the terrible charge that stands against him.

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12-30t.

By Associated Press.

Paris, Jan. 17.—The position of the council regarding publicity is considered today as likely to be modified and it is believed that with the assembling of the council today the press will be admitted Saturday to hear President Poincare's speech before the full assembly. In such a case, however, the newspaper men will withdraw when the real business before the council is taken up. It was said last night that the censor would henceforth watch with special attention what is written regarding the congress and would cut out everything that goes beyond official statements.

Senator Borah Protests.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Senator Borah of Idaho addressed the senate today in protest against secrecy at the peace conference. He said the question was whether President Wilson's point for open diplomacy was to be disregarded entirely.

Want Publicity.

New York, Jan. 17.—The League of Free Nations association, Norman Hapgood, president, sent the following cablegram to President today: "The League of Free Nations association vigorously protests against the announced restrictions of publicity regarding the peace conference. The distrust aroused in America greatly outweighs any possible advantage."

Russian Question Important.

Paris, Jan. 17.—The question of Russia continues to be one of the most important before the supreme council of the peace conference. The problem at present principally concerns how and when she shall be represented before the conference, for the opinion in conference circles is that Russia must be represented.

German Banker Cited.

London, Jan. 17.—Rudolph Havenstein, president of the imperial bank of Germany, has been ordered by Marshal Foch to appear at Spa to attend a conference regarding the Entente financial demands on Germany, according to a despatch from Berlin.

Armistice is Extended.

Amsterdam, Jan. 17.—The armistice between the allies and Germany has been extended, an agreement to that effect being signed by Mathias Erzberger, the German commissioner, at Treves late yesterday, according to a Berlin despatch received here.

Half Million Under Arms.

London, Jan. 17.—There be a half million German soldiers still under arms, according to the estimates of military experts of the British army. The situation in Germany is very uncertain, however, and it may be that the men still with the German colors number far above that estimate.

Karl and Rosa Killed.

Basel, Jan. 17.—Dr. Karl Liebknecht has been shot and killed while trying to escape as he was being taken to prison, according to the Frankfurt Gazette. It is also reported that Rosa Luxemburg, Dr. Liebknecht's chief lieutenant, was shot dead after being beaten insensible by a crowd at Berlin.

Rally Against Bolshevism.

Berlin, Jan. 17.—With elections to the national assembly less than four days off, the bourgeois parties are bending every effort to rally both male and female voters in a gigantic protest against Bolshevism. The women of Berlin are carrying on an active campaign and are keenly alive to the issues involved and appear to

CABBAGE AND SPINACH MARKET JANUARY 16.

Chamber of Commerce, Laredo, Texas.
Rain over, cool, Austin none, Texas five, Norfolk twelve, destination, two New York, two Chicago, one Minneapolis, Chicago dollar quarter to a dollar and a half. New York seventy-five to dollar quarter, Philadelphia seventy-five, Buffalo dollar thirty-five, Indianapolis two, Philadelphia dollar half to seventy-five. Others unchanged.

STEPHENS.

TIMES WANT ADS.
Money Makers

WON'T EXPLOIT GRAVEYARD.

By Associated Press.
Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 17.—Members of the congregation of the Merriam Baptist church at Ranger have refused an offer of a million dollars for the right to develop oil wells in the graveyard adjoining the church property. The church now has an income of \$200,000 annually from oil holdings.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

Birthday greeting to David Lloyd George, British premier, who is 56 years old today.

After more than 40 years of active service, Col. Robert N. Getty, former commander of Camp Dodge, will be placed on the retired list today for age.

The general annual assembly of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada will open at Montreal today and continue in session over tomorrow.

The 213th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, "patron saint" of the printing craft, will be observed by the fraternity throughout the United States today.

An interstate convention of Young Men's Christian Association leaders of the Southernwestern States will begin its sessions today at El Paso.

Secretary of Commerce William C. Redfield is to be the principal speaker tonight at the annual meeting of the Albany (N. Y.) Chamber of Commerce.

Arrangements for the proposed world cotton conference are to be developed at a meeting of United States cotton men to be held today in Washington, D. C.

A great patriotic mass meeting is to be held tonight in Madison Square Garden to show New York's appreciation of the work done by the returning soldiers, sailors and marines.

AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION.

The new and enthusiastic land worker was having a look around the farm.

"What are these queer-looking birds?" she asked.

"Them's geese," answered the farmer.

"Oh, yes!" exclaimed the lady.

"And do they eat all the gooseberries you raise?"

be taking to their new franchise privileges with perfect understanding. Their vote probably will be cast in overwhelming preponderance in favor of the socialist and bourgeois democratic tickets.

Five Hundred Drowned.
Rome, Jan. 17.—The French steamer Chapiro struck a floating mine in the Strait of Messina, sinking in a few minutes. Five hundred passengers, mostly Greeks, Serbians and Russians, were drowned. Another steamer saved 150 of those on board.

MAY START REVOLUTION.

"Why do they say, 'Nobody loves a fat man'?"

"There's bound to be a suspicion that anybody overweight just now is getting more than his share of the food."—Washington Star.

ACCOUNTS FOR THEIR PALLOR.

"Why did you use the expression, 'as pale as a doorknob'?"

"Doorknobs are in doors so much, you know."—Boston Transcript.

A MEAN REMARK.

"Dead men tell no tales," observed the Sage.

"Maybe that is the reason why so many widows get to marry again," commented the Fool.—Nashville Tennessean.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY
IN THE WAR.

JANUARY 17.
Italians repulsed severe attack on river front nearest Venice.

President Wilson summoned House and Senate leaders on Russian situation.

German effort to destroy American wheat crop by poisonous pollen discovered.

From Saturday's Daily.

SECRET DIPLOMACY.

The announcement from Paris that a certain measure of secrecy would be observed in the sessions of the peace conference and that newspaper men would be excluded seems to have aroused a hornet's nest in this country, and President Wilson will no doubt receive hundreds of protests.

Senator Borah said in the senate that the question was whether that one of President Wilson's fourteen points relating to secret diplomacy was to be discarded entirely. In this the senator was rather more than disingenuous, for the proposal to exclude newspaper men from the peace conference is no more than occurs frequently during each session of the senate when that body goes into "executive session" and the chamber is cleared of all save members and officers of the senate.

Mr. Wilson's point as to secret diplomacy meant that there should be no more secret treaties between nations, and that messages from one nation to another should not be of the character of those between Wilhelm and Karl, for instance. In other words, that whatever agreement was entered into between the nations of the earth should become public knowledge as soon as possible.

It is inconceivable, however, that the peace conferences should permit the newspaper men to be present and hear every word of the discussions, or that a public announcement should be made of every word that is spoken in the sessions.

There is nothing secret confining the attendance at the conferences to those who are chosen as delegates, and the necessary secretaries, interpreters and stenographers. It is not for the benefit of the world that the proposal is made to admit the newspaper correspondents.

It is now deemed hardly likely that the conferences will end in perfect harmony within the year, and it is more than probable that the treaties will not be drafted for many months to come. During all that time there will be many discussions which may or may not be material, and if every word of every session is to be made public property through the newspaper correspondents, there will be a mass of conflicting matter published daily which will be of no value whatever to the public.

When a congressional committee goes into session the newspaper men are excluded. Yet there is no complaint of that made by either the press or the public. When the Portsmouth treaty was being formulated, the newspaper men did not seek to enter the conferences, but they were satisfied with the news of the day's work which was given out for publication each day at the close of the session.

It is well to notice that the protest in the senate comes from a man who, however he has upheld the president in his conduct of the war, has been one of the promptest and most vociferous critics of the administration and who seems to take his idea of his duty to his constituents from his partisan views as a member of the opposition.

There is no reason why the people should expect to be informed of every petty detail of the peace conferences. And most of the people are well satisfied to know that the main points of the conferences will be given out publicly at such time as is considered opportune.

The class of people who read the divorce proceedings or the details of a nasty trial in court will naturally want the reporters to give them the "inside history" of what the German delegates said in protest to the terms which are to be offered.

But the majority will not want to know more than what will be given out by the authorized publicity members of the conference. They will be content to know that there is to be no secrecy as to "deals" between the various nations, and that any attempt to grab territory or usurp power will be promptly rebuked.

The people want a faithful report of what happens; not necessarily a photographic record, but what is really of moment. And the American, French and British delegates will see that they get it.

SENATORIAL PRIVILEGE.

The senate, by a vote of 50 to 21, has dismissed the disloyalty charges against Senator La Follette, and thus ends a chapter of history which by no means reflects credit upon those voting in favor of the Wisconsin senator.

It was not exactly a partisan vote, for seventeen Democratic senators voted to exonerate the accused, and only one Republican voted against the whitewashing.

On the whole, it represented, as nothing else could do, the disposition of the senators to defend their "privilege" and to stand by a brother senator, no matter what the charges against him.

The senator who presented the majority report of the committee said they had investigated the charges for fourteen months! Think of it! A United States senator is charged with disloyal utterances and the committee, which has access to all the evidence for and against the accused, takes fourteen months to investigate and then recommends that

the charges be dismissed on the ground that "the speech of Senator La Follette did not justify any action by the senate."

Of course, during the months which have elapsed since the charges were first made public there has been a cooling on the part of the people who were enraged at such utterances as those of La Follette in his St. Paul speech. While there is no change of opinion, the cessation of hostilities and the arousing of interest on the part of the public in other matters probably accounts for the apathy with which the announcement was received.

It should be remembered that Wisconsin has a large German vote, and that it was undoubtedly for the purpose of securing the German vote that La Follette made his astounding statements. But it must also be remembered that from Wisconsin came former Congressman Berger, who has just been convicted of conspiracy to violate the espionage act, and that several other Wisconsinites have been under suspicion since our entrance into the war.

There should be no question of partisanship in such a case. During the war the administration was backed by Republicans as well as Democrats, and there were a few Democrats who were rebuked at the polls for their attitude so similar in many ways to that of La Follette.

The future may avenge this act of the United States senate in whitewashing a man whom many believed guilty of the charges made against him, and some day we may hear of a successor to La Follette whose loyalty has never been called in question.

The action of the senate does not by any means clear Mr. La Follette of the charges made against him. It merely declares that, in the learned opinion of a committee—the majority, at least—the charges against a United States senator were not such as to justify any action by the United States senate.

There is a higher tribunal than the senate. It is that presided over by the people, and no matter how much his friends or associates may try to convince everybody that there was nothing to the charges, the people will have their own opinion. And from the decision of that tribunal there is no appeal.

It is hoped that in future Mr. La Follette will refrain from laying himself open to such charges. He has sought notoriety rather than renown. He has appealed to the basest elements in his state for election at their hands to the highest office within their gift. He has changed his political views so often as to resemble a harlequin.

But what he has gained in notoriety he has lost in respect of the people at large. Little attention will be paid in future to any of his utterances, and he is dead and buried, so far as any influence is concerned. The attempt to place a snow white monument over his political grave will be of little use, as the people at least know his unenviable record.

BEAUTIFICATION OF YARDS AID APPEARANCE OF HOMES

The Latter Part of Next Month is the Time to Set Out Shade and Ornamental Trees, Fruit Trees, Etc.

The latter part of February is the accepted season in this portion of Texas for the planting of shrubbery, ornamental and shade trees and fruit trees of various kinds that go to the beautification of the home premises, and trees planted at that time generally attain a more wholesome growth than at any other season of the year and are well under way in growing when springtime sets in.

There is nothing that adds more cheer and coziness to the appearance of a homestead than a beautiful lawn and a luxuriant growth of trees, shrubbery, etc. Ornamental trees provide shade and beauty to the homestead, shrubbery adds a still further artistic touch, while a beautiful lawn indicates that the home is carefully kept, as many people judge the interior appearance of the home by the exterior appearance.

Next month in many portions of the state, and especially in Southwest Texas, home beautification will be the order, and thousands of ornamental and fruit trees, shrubbery, rose bushes, etc., will be planted. Here in Laredo similar work will be done by many a housewife.

CABBAGE AND SPINACH MARKET JANUARY 17.

Chamber of Commerce, Laredo, Texas.

Clear, no Austin movement, Texas three, Boston one, St. Louis two, Norfolk seven. Kansas City, dollar and quarter to dollar and half. St. Louis, dollar forty to one fifty. Detroit, California, dollar seventy-five. Boston, dollar seventy-five. Denver, nine to ten cents pound. Minneapolis, two and half to two seventy-five. Others unchanged.

STEVENS.

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EVENTS AT FORT M'INTOSH SECOND GYMKHANA SUNDAY

Many Interesting Events Are on the Program to Be Carried Out at the Post Tomorrow Afternoon.

Tomorrow afternoon at Fort McIntosh will be staged the second of the gymkhanas arranged by Lieut. Colonel Crimmins for the entertainment of the soldiery and all civilians who care to attend. The first of the gymkhanas was held at Fort McIntosh last Sunday and proved a great drawing card, being largely attended by Laredo people, and so pronounced was the praise of the event that it is a conclusive fact that tomorrow will see several thousand people on hand, most of them entirely new to Laredo people, will create much enthusiasm and interest. The events start at 3 p. m.

The program tomorrow afternoon will consist of the following events, participated in by members of the Thirty-seventh Infantry and units, and if any Laredo people care to enter competition they should advise with Lieutenant-Colonel Crimmins in ample time:

1. Fatigue clothes race.
2. Foot rescue race.
3. Mounted wrestling contest.
4. Obstacle race.
5. Officers' saddling contest.
6. Relay race on foot.
7. "Saturday-to-Monday" race.
8. Ammunition carrying contest.
9. Liaison race.
10. Football race.
11. Equipment race.
12. Dismounted tug of war.
13. Mounted rescue race.
14. Mule relay race.

Music will be furnished during the afternoon by the Thirty-seventh Infantry Band.

Residents of the city are asked, in a statement issued by the military authorities Saturday, to follow the wishes of those in charge of Sunday's gymkhana at the post in taking their positions. Those who go on foot are requested to circle the field and take positions on the south side of the course, going in across the football field. Those in automobiles are requested to take positions on the north side of the course.

Lieut. Col. Crimmins announced Saturday that the competitive drill between picked teams of the Machine Gun Company, one of the features of last Sunday's exhibition, will be repeated. Captain Atkinson, commanding the Machine Gun company, telephoned from the target range Saturday that elimination contests, being held there to select the teams which will compete, are giving gratifying results.

The course is greatly improved as a result of the rains this week, and the same cause will relieve the spectators of the necessity of breathing the heavy dust stirred up by the mounted events. The course also will be watered Sunday afternoon before the gymkhana starts.

CATTLE BRING GOOD PRICE IN SALES RECENTLY MADE

Mexican Cattle Sold at \$45 Per Head, While Stock Are Purchased at Price of \$43 Per Head.

The following cattle sales have been consummated in this section during the past few days and deliveries already made, the prices paid for the cattle in each instance being good:

Soil Volpe and M. G. Ochoa sold to Robert Gouger of Cotulla a total of 521 head of Mexican cattle at \$45 per head.

M. G. Ochoa sold to F. D. McMahon of Cotulla a total of 200 head of stock cattle at \$43 per head.

Odd Fellows Attention!

The Odd Fellows of Rio Grande Lodge No. 373 are to attend Church in a body Sunday evening January 19th. All visiting brothers invited to meet with them at the hall from which place they will march to the First Methodist Church. Services at 7:30 p. m.

F. L. MACKEY, N. G. J. A. BARLOW, Sec'y. 1-16-3t.

CLARA WILLIAMS STARRED IN STRONG PLAY AT ROYAL

Star Was at Her Best With Strong Supporting Cast in Story That Dealt With Alaska Gold Fields.

The feature play at the Royal last night, seven reels, starring Clara Williams in the play of the Alaska gold fields, "Carmen of the Klondyke," was one of the best plays witnessed in Laredo in some time past, the supporting cast being one of the strongest presented by any producing company with the star taking the leading role in a heavy play.

Miss Williams as Carmen, the woman who smiled in the face of adversity and who always maintained her dominating will power, but who fell for a deceptive scheme played on her, and even then held the deceiver at bay, told a story of the Yukon gold fields that had many thrills and stirring situations, principal of all being the realistic fight between the man she really loved and her deceiver.

FASTER FREIGHT SERVICE IS ANNOUNCED FOR LAREDO

LAREDO MERCHANTS WILL RECEIVE NEWS WITH GLADNESS.

General Freight Agent Booth of I. & G. N. in Letter Tells of Action for Better Service Taken.

Owing to the great number of complaints from Laredo merchants that less than car lot freight shipments to this port were unduly delayed in transit over certain routes, as compared to delivery being secured over other routings, induced the Chamber of Commerce to make an investigation of the facts locally. They then submitted an argument to the proper officials to correct this delay, or else join in a request to the routing committees of the railroads for this district, to secure a change in the instruction to their agents and employees as the routings. Mr. H. Booth, the general freight of the International and Great Northern promised the Board of Directors that he would make a careful and prompt investigation and if he found that the proper corrections could not be made effective, that he would join us in such a request. This line of action shows a spirit of good faith which one would expect from Mr. Booth. The following letter from him has just been received and will explain itself:

Houston, Texas, Jan. 16, 1919.
Mr. F. W. Mally, Secretary, Laredo Chamber of Commerce, Laredo, Texas.

Dear Sir:—Referring to your letter 10th inst., and previous correspondence, with reference to delay on LCL shipments from Houston to Laredo.

Our investigation shows that shipments moving via G. H. & S. A. Houston to San Antonio, thence I. & G. N. to Laredo, are being delayed all the way through.

The G. H. & S. A. have been using about 3 days from Houston to San Antonio, about 3 days is consumed in unloading at G. H. & S. A. depot, transferring by car to I. & G. N. depot and forwarding thence to Laredo, and apparently a delay of 4 or 5 days is encountered after arrival at Laredo before unloading and expensing.

In view of this record, and in view of the service given on shipments via Gulf Coast Lines, Robstown and Texas-Mexican, I have recommended to Mr. Leffingwell, Chairman of the Houston Sub-Committee that the latter route be used in future, and he has promised to change the instructions accordingly in the next supplement to their forwarding schedule.

Yours truly,
Signed: H. BOOTH, General Freight Agent.

Hence it is evident that the Chamber of Commerce is making progress in this important matter, but the result is not yet fully attained. The pleadings must be filed with the routings committee to show just what routing and connections our merchants have made the best time, with their less than car lot freight shipments. Our merchants should without fail, at once file a memorandum with the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, stating what ports or important cities they secure the most of their freight from, and what routings in the past have given them the quickest and best service. The Chamber of Commerce will then collate these requests of the merchants in proper form, and file with the routings committee as a request or recommendation from our merchants, who are the ones to be served in this particular. The Chamber makes a special appeal to every merchant to act on this immediately, and file their requests, especially those ordering freight from Galveston and Houston. Failure to do this may change the result entirely, or result in decisions which will not be entirely satisfactory. Report your suggestions on this at once, or forever after hold your peace.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

JANUARY 18
Celebrating his twenty-fifth birthday today, King Boris of Bulgaria finds himself newly seated on a throne left rather wobbly when his father, King Ferdinand, was obliged to abdicate last October as a penalty for his poor judgment in picking sides in the great war. The future of Boris and his kingdom will be determined in large measure by the coming deliberations at Versailles. Whether the youthful King has inherited the cunning and abilities of his father remains to be seen. From his mother, who was of a deeply nature, he is said to have inherited a rather profound piety. His baptism in the orthodox Greek church in 1896, it may be recalled, developed into a political issue involving several nations.

KILLED

Bermuda or Johnson grass or any kind of stump or sprout at one application and costs but a small sum to rid your farm of the dreaded pest, and does not injure the land. See or phone me at the Hamilton Hotel interested until January 20th.

E. W. VANNATTA, 1-14-5t.

LOCAL NEWS

—The importations through this port this morning from Mexico consisted of the following: One carload of household goods, one carload of hides, one carload of cotton seed oil, three carloads of cotton seed cake, two carloads of ixtle and one carload of calamine.

—Go out to the gymkhana at Fort McIntosh tomorrow afternoon and enjoy the program of athletic events which Lieutenant Colonel Crimmins, commander of the post here, and the officers and men of the Thirty-seventh Infantry will have on the program. They extend a cordial invitation to the people of Laredo to go out to the post tomorrow and every Sunday to witness the various events.

—Mrs. C. H. Stowers, who has been seriously ill at her home in this city, is reported much improved, and a turn in her condition for the best has resulted which it is hoped will cause her entire recovery from a recent attack of paralysis.

—There is a rumor current in Nuevo Laredo that the passport regulations are to be revoked next week and the international footbridge thrown open to traffic in the same manner as prevailed a few years ago. But there is no confirmation of this rumor on the American side—in fact not even a rumor to that effect is in circulation in Laredo.

—So far the onion crop in the Laredo section has escaped any damage from the recent cold weather and is in a most wholesome condition. The young plants have experienced a favorable season since transplanted to the open field.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE BUDGET OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Every Business Man in Laredo Should Do His Part Toward This Worthy Organization.

There have been a few volunteers who have offered their services to the membership committee and the Chamber of Commerce. Dr. C. F. Kenney called at the office of the secretary, and requested to see a list of names which the Chamber thought he might enlist in the cause, and for the accomplishment of the work the Chamber of Commerce is doing for the city and merchants as whole, regardless of whether they are members of that body or not.

Mr. Rodriguez, of the Eagle Pass Lumber Co., also offered his service to Mr. L. M. Purwin, Chairman of the Membership campaign. Both of these men show a proper spirit and interest in the upbuilding of our district and regardless of whether they add another member or not, they are deserving of the praise and appreciation of the Chamber for their good will. Both of these men have already completed work once assigned them, and the Board of Directors doubly appreciate their co-operation.

From the report of progress in another portion of The Times, it will be apparent that every merchant in the city who is interested in even the least freight shipment, will be benefited by the results already in sight in sight in just one matter which the Chamber is pushing on to a conclusion. There is no way of preventing all those who are not members of the Chamber of Commerce from getting the benefits derived. In fact the Chamber of Commerce would not for a moment care to deprive any good citizen from securing the full benefits of the work accomplished. One naturally has a feeling however of wondering how the man feels who looks a "Gift Horse in the Mouth." Merchants who are honestly in such financial straits as not to be able to contribute to the support of the Chamber of Commerce, are of course excused, and the Chamber will not require a pauper's oath to absolve them from their obligation. They will be helped in other ways at the proper time, but those who can easily contribute their membership subscription should not wait for the committees to come to see them, but phone the Secretary, 374, and record their membership, or at least say a good word and offer their services. That will help a great deal, if they are lacking in funds. Conscientious workers among the merchants are needed as badly as funds, and your promises will help along this line. Let every one take this matter seriously and act quickly as the campaign for new members is to close Monday evening. The Board of Directors will meet at that time and count noses.

It should be remembered that the funds subscribed are the only resources the Chamber of Commerce has to meet the expense of making investigations and keeping up campaigns for changes and corrections of hardships or restrictions which operate against the merchants of this city and the business of this port. Their activities are only limited by the amount of funds subscribed and the moral support given otherwise. A membership subscription is helping the individual giving it, as well as contributing to a causes which is doing general welfare work for the community, which is not being done by any other form of organization in the city.

SOCIETY

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Saturday.

There will be a meeting of the Home Garden Club at Market Hall in the afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The regular weekly meeting of the Mascots of Troop No. 1 will be held at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Sunday.

The B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church will meet at the church at 6:30 o'clock in the evening.

The Epworth League of the Methodist Church will hold its regular meeting in the League of the Methodist Church at 6:30 o'clock in the evening.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet in the Church at 6:30 p. m.

This May Interest You.

The Times desires all social items of interest and cordially invites its readers to supply such news to the society editor. Send or phone all items about weddings, parties, visitors, dinners, receptions, bazaars, children's parties, etc. If you are leaving town or returning, or have visitors arriving or departing. The Times will be glad to know it. While names will not be used all written communications must be signed. This is imperative to prevent imposition. Phone all society communications to the Society Editor of The Times at No. 70 between 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning and 5 and 8:30 in the evening.

You may keep old Fritz's helmet
For your Sue or Kate or Ann,
You may hold your German rifle
For your little girl to scan;
No gas masks did I capture,
No rifle and no lance—
The only capture that I've made
Is the heart of a child of France.

No victor symbol can I show,
No trinket, shield or cap,
In memory of days I spent
Over there, in Dead Man's Gap;
No battle souvenir have I
Dream moments to enhance,
The only trophy that is mine
Is the heart of a child of France.

But sweeter than a helmet,
And dearer than a lance,
Is the sacred souvenir I bear
From the vine-clad hills of France;
For like a stellar guide that shines
O'er life's rough seas of chance,
Forever within my heart will glow
The heart of that child of France.
—Fra Guido, F. A. in Stars and Stripes.

General Mention.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam W. Brown have moved their residence from the Shelby House to their old home at the corner of Mtamoros street and Convent avenue.

Greetings were received today from Mrs. Ruby R. Campbell and she says that she is well and enjoying the delightful climate of Tucson, Arizona. Miss Christine Hill and Mrs. Sue J. Smith are still in El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Dilworth have recently moved into the old Brewster home on 1704 Houston Street.

Mrs. O. J. Cook and little son arrived in the city last night to join Dr. Cook. They will be located at the Dublin apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moser and baby will return home the early part of next week from San Antonio, where they have been visiting relatives.

Mrs. Frank Higgins and children of Sulphur, La., who have been visiting Judge and Mrs. Hal Greer for the past few weeks, returned home yesterday morning.

Dr. H. C. Hall left today for San Antonio after a short visit in the city.

Lieut. Paul Beckman returned to Zapata yesterday after a short visit to his wife, who has been ill with influenza.

Lieutenant Lineman, who has been stationed at Fort McIntosh, left Thursday for his new station at Fort Clark.

Announcements.

The Busy Bees will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock with Miss Hattie May Bryan.

Shower to Bride.

At the Latin-American Club Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock Mesdames

Alicia Volpe, Sara S. de Longoria, Margarita G. de Canseco and Hortensia S. V. de Valdez, and Misses Maria Gonzalez, Anita Mullally, Damiana Garza and Antonia Ferrara will entertain with a miscellaneous shower for Miss Angelina Benavides, a bride of the month.

Club Notes.

The Swastika Chapter of Camp Fire Girls held a business meeting at the home of their guardian, Mrs. W. D. Butler, yesterday afternoon. It was decided to disband the Chapter on account of the present guardian not being able to continue the work, and because they have not been able to secure any one to take her place. The following are the members of this chapter: Misses Annie Guernsey, Belva Bergman, Celeste Hamilton and Arvilla Seamon.

Blue Birds.

The Blue Birds held a meeting at the home of their guardian, Mrs. A. Poggenpohl, yesterday afternoon and quite a bit of business was transacted. Four new members were voted into the club and seven were initiated. The hostess served hot chocolate and cake after the business session. Those present were Margaret Copeland, Dorothy Borchers, Nellie Ward, Mabel Barr, Doris and Dorothy Wilson, Adelaide Macdonald, Evelyn Kerr, Iona Parker, Elinor Morrow, Jenny May Galloway, Anne McKinney, Gladys Sauvigney, Josephine Daiches, Nellie Netzer, and Jamie Ward.

Soldiers Club Program.

Tuesday night at the Soldiers Club the following program will be given under the direction of Mrs. M. P. Cullinan:

Song, Mrs. A. C. Hamilton
Recitation Dance,
Miss Dorothy Morton.
Boxing Bout, Boy Scouts
Song, Miss Ethel Mackin
Feature, By Soldiers
Dance, Miss Helen Dixon.

Busy Workers.

Yesterday afternoon at the home of Miss Lilia Benavides the Busy Workers held their regular weekly meeting. The following officers were elected: President, Miss Lamar Benavides; vice-president, Miss Adelina Lecea; treasurer, Miss Lilia Benavides; secretary, Miss Corinne Hamilton. Other members present were Misses Josefina Guajardo, Aurora Gutierrez and Luisa Perez.

Approaching Wedding.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Angelina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Servando Benavides and Mr. Manuel A. Longoria. The wedding will occur at the San Agustin church, Wednesday afternoon, January 22nd, 1919, at five o'clock. After the wedding ceremony there will be a reception at the Hamilton Hotel.

Missionary Meeting.

The representatives of the Presbyterian Mission in Mexico have been holding an annual business meeting in this city during the week. The members of the Mission present are Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ross, Misses Lee and McClellen, Mr. Harvey Ross and Mr. Morrow. The meeting will probably close on Monday and the missionaries will return to their various stations in Mexico. The Sunday morning service at the Presbyterian church at ten-thirty will be in the hands of these missionaries and to that service a very cordial invitation is given the people of Laredo to attend.

High School Notes.

Rev. L. H. Wharton gave a very interesting talk to the pupils of Laredo High School yesterday evening. He explained the methods of warfare used by both the Germans and the allies in France, and answered all questions that were asked concerning modern warfare. He also described several battles which he himself was in, and told of the suffering of the war-stricken nations. The lecture was given at Market Hall and a large crowd was present.

When assembly blew for the first basketball practice of the year at the Laredo High School last Monday, between 20 and 30 boys turned out. Mr. Wharton, the coach, is well pleased with the material and says there will not be only one team but two strong ones picked from the bunch. A challenge has already been received from the Corpus Christi team and most likely a game will be arranged with them. It is also probable that games will be arranged with other High School teams.

Following is the Honor Roll of the Laredo High School for the fourth month of the school year. To get on the Honor Roll it is necessary to have a grading of above 85 in all studies.

Jesusa Gonzalez, Rosalie Biggio, Dorothy Morton, Carry Henry, Evelyn Webber, Fred Buenz, Merritt Williams, Genevieve Camp, Martha Anderson, Julia Saucedo and Ana Uribe.

—J. A. Hara.